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President's Report

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For eight members of the Board of Directors including myself, this marks the end of a two-year term. We wanted to make a positive impact on our unique neighborhood, and, I think, we've achieved a measure of success.

Fire safety is an ongoing project, but much was accomplished, most important of which was establishing working relationships with all agencies involved from local to national. We have made progress toward a shelter in place next to Lost Mine Lake. With the help of FEMA, brush clearing and chipping was done.

Board members Giovanni Paredes and Dane Brinkman developed our own web site with local news, activities, and an up to date weather report.

Spearheaded by Board member Bill Levitz, the school bus now travels down the hill into the Shores to pick-up and drop-off the local students.

The Women's Club with input from the Board beginning with the Christmas party at the firehouse, created more family oriented activities. More are to follow.

Also, new summer activities were initiated including a wine tasting event and an Oktoberfest.

Board member Greg Clark and his wife Shannon oversaw the refurbishing at Lost Mine Lake including the beach, the float, the volleyball court, and sprinkler system.

Finally, in order to maintain the beauty and integrity of our neighborhood an attempt was made to begin to enforce the CC&Rs and county regulations.

Future plans include urging the county to install guardrails

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at certain places on Pasquale Road between the Shores and Red Dog, building a children's playground at Lost Mine Lake, more social activities, disaster training for local residents, and continue working on fire safety, road safety and a fire warning and evacuation plan.

If you have comments about any of the future plans, please call me at 265-3102. Homeowners are encouraged to attend Board meetings, which are the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the firehouse.

CSHA supports Community Shaded Fuel Break

Olivia Diaz, Fire Safety Chair

In February, the CSHA Board of Directors voted to support the Community Shaded Fuel Break project proposed by the Nevada County Resource Conservation District.

This project will contribute to the protection of Cascade Shores, as well as Grass Valley, Nevada City and other surrounding communities in the case of a wildfire in western Nevada County.

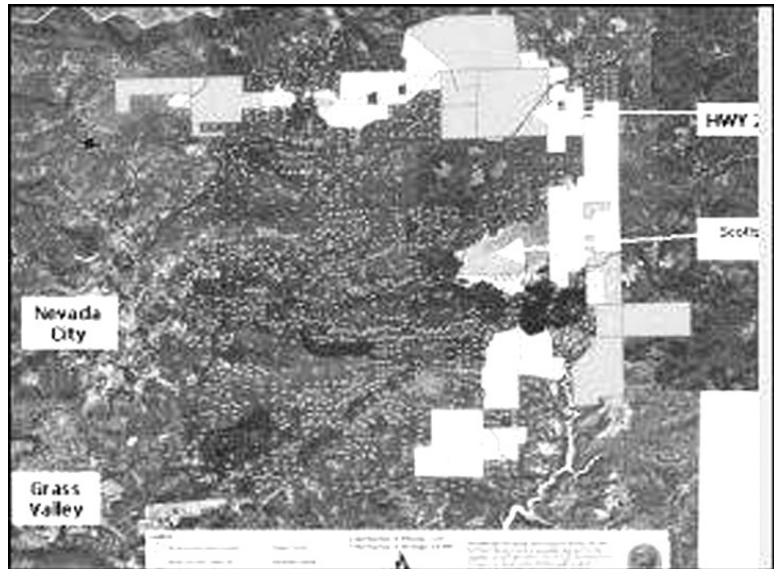
The project area was defined due to past fire history and local fire weather wind patterns. It consists of a minimum of ¼ mile wide shaded fuel break approximately 16 miles in length north and east of Nevada City and Grass Valley. The area includes Round Mountain east to the Conservation Camp/ Hwy 20, south to the east side of Scotts Flat Lake, around the east side of Cascade Shores south toward Greenhorn Road.

The shaded fuel break not only provides added fire protection in a strategic location, but also improves forest health and opens wildlife corridors.

Other efforts to make Cascade Shores less vulnerable to fire include the shaded fuel break of 75 feet on either side of the major exit roads out of Cascade Shores accomplished in 2003 through a FEMA-funded Shaded Fuel Break program coordinated by Tim Hagan and recent clearing of excess brush by individual homeowners. Due to enforcement by Consolidated Fire Protection District, many overgrown parcels in Cascade Shores are being treated for fire safety. A huge amount of vegetation, brush, ladder fuel is being removed or chipped, much of it through the Chipping program offered by the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County.

CERT Training *Olivia Diaz*

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is being coordinated by the Community Citizens Council (CCC) of the American Red Cross. Funding for the training is through Homeland Security. There will be a 20-minute presentation on CERT at our Annual meeting, April 2. A sign up sheet for training will be circulated. If you are interested in training to respond to an emergency, please call Kent Rees 265-6114, coordinator of CERT in Cascade Shores.



Cascade Shores Treatment Facility and the impact on homeowners on the sewer *Mike Inglis, Working Group Liaison to the CSHA Board*

Consultants are developing a facility plan for the upgrade of the treatment plant facilities and continued discharge into Gas Canyon Creek. The Membrane Bioreactor Package Plant is being considered as a possible upgrade alternative.

The scope of services was changed to reflect the possibility of funding from the Small Community Grant Program (SCG). Based on an income survey it was determined that the median income of the residents on the sewer in Cascade Shores makes them eligible for a grant. This program could help pay for 65% of the total estimated cost of

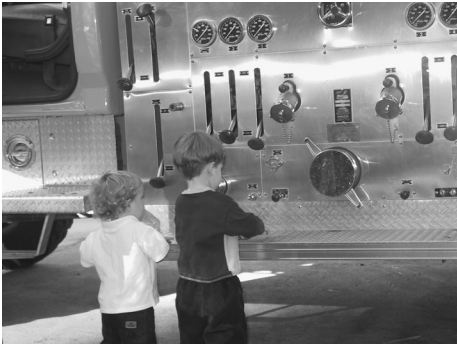
\$1.5 million. An additional income survey is being considered to pursue the possibility of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for construction.

Homeowners on sewer in Cascade Shores currently pay an annual charge of \$1,795 per home and this is estimated to increase by \$300.

Resident participation in meetings is greatly encouraged; all are welcome to attend. More information is available at www.mynvadacounty.com/cstreatmentplant or by calling Mike Inglis at 265-9147.

Santa Claus Came to Town! *Denise Cain*

December 11th was a big day here at the Shores. Yes, Santa Claus himself arrived in a Consolidated Fire District emergency vehicle, lights flashing, at our own little firehouse. The Women's Club created a Winter Wonderland: a huge Christmas tree, Santa's throne, lighted reindeer, refreshments and live music, and a "Babes in Gameland" play area.



Santa's visit was sponsored by the Women's Club and the CSHA. Club members Jan Guevel, Nan Tucker, Aelene Oslin, Patti and Jessalyn Brinkman, and Olivia Diaz hand delivered invita-

tions. Jere Hunter, Rena Marundee and Dortha Barber made 100 "goodie" bags. Pat Grace shopped for paper goods and candy canes. Jan G. also collected materials for 7 different games. Aelene's daughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Michael donated the beautiful 20-ft Christmas tree that touched the Firehouse ceiling, and (Bat. Chief) David Ray and 2 of Consolidated Fire Districts finest helped decorate the tree, and made the Fire Engine available for climbing. Trudy Roegner contributed cider and many members brought cookies. Santa was joined by Mrs. Claus. Our own Liz McAteer played guitar and beautifully sang all the classics, including "Grandma got run over by a Reindeer."

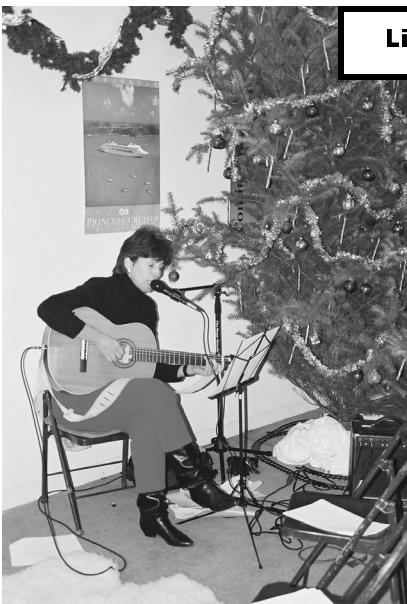
Most of the children jumped onto Santa's lap. Some shyly, some a little more boldly, recited their Christmas wish list to him. One little boy even had his list neatly printed on the back of a business card, and patiently read each item, pausing to make sure that Santa had committed this important information to memory.

After a visit to Santa, it was on to playtime! Denise Cain, and our fabulous teenage elves, Katy, Lana and Alyona Delacoer decorated and hosted Gameland. Each child had an elf to help navigate and play the games. A favorite was to eat a powdered doughnut hanging from a string, with hands behind the back. Mostly they got a face covered in powdered sugar, but what fun trying! After completing the games, each child was rewarded with novelty Christmas pencils (donated by Curt Colagross) or a \$2 gift certificate to the CS store, and a goodie bag. Then on to cookies and cider, and repeat, repeat, REPEAT!

Fifty beautiful, happy little faces, gloved hands waved goodbye and pleaded with parents as they head on home, CAN'T WE PLEASE JUST DO IT ONE MOR TIME???

In the spirit of giving, the remaining gift bags were delivered by Shera Banbury to Manzanita House.

Thank you Santa, and thanks to all those volunteers, parents, and especially the children, for reminding us what this season is all about, THE CARING AND THE SHARING. Watch the slide show at www.cascadeshores.org. Hope to see you next year!



Liz McAteer, Songster

Santa on his throne with his Elf helpers, Katy, Lana, Alyona





Neighborliness



A Special Feeling of Community *Nancy Lund*

From the earliest days of Cascade Shores, there has been a special feeling of community here. Perhaps it's the isolation, or perhaps the people who moved here have been unusually friendly. Cascade Shores has a rich heritage of looking after one another.

In the 1970s, Rex Pritchard would sit down at the big lake with his pals and monitor the activities. When the lake level dropped and a moored boat of part-time residents needed to be further out, he'd take his boat out and pull it into deeper water. Sam Wolfe was almost a single-handed security patrol. He would regularly circle vacation homes and make a call to the owners' homes if anything seemed amiss. Lloyd Honey was always available with his tools and know-how to solve problems. That's how it's been.

Now, as the Shores is largely built out and more full-time residents lead busy lives, it would be easy to lose the neighborliness that has made this such an incredible place

to live. Houses are closer together, and it's easy for tensions to develop over various issues. Hence, let's take a quiet moment to ponder simple things we all might do to maintain the special Cascade Shores spirit.

If you're going to build or put on an addition, give a thought to sharing your plans with neighbors to get their input before you proceed too far. If you have an excitable dog, be sensitive to excessive barking. Keep your dog contained at home. If your trees have grown so tall they obstruct the views of people above you, try to find a way to trim or thin to allow them to enjoy the view. Take a few minutes to chat when you're out for a walk or picking up the mail so that your neighbors won't be strangers.

We are lucky to live in a very special place. Staying alert to the little things that make for good neighbors will insure that it stays that way.



Angels to the Rescue *Nira Dean*

Last winter I suddenly got very sick. I called Shera Banbury who immediately drove me to the ER and stayed with me for five hours even though she had other plans and over my objections. She drove me back home and put me to bed with everything I might need.

The next day Jan Guevel took me for follow-up and on Tuesday Mary Jane Stark drove me back to my doctor since I wasn't improving. On Wednesday Lenore Teuber drove me to the hospital for emergency surgery and of course back home again. What wonderful ladies we have out here in "The Shores" and how fortunate for the support not only from these angels but for all those who called and assisted me at this time of great need! It won't be easy to leave The Shores, but I plan to stay in touch. I am only moving to downtown Nevada City.

Three months later again angels came out of the blue. I was driving home on Red Dog Road when an airborne deer flew into my windshield. Glass shattered over me and my car. I was stunned to say the least, but managed to stop the car. Seconds later 2 teenaged ladies assisted me out of my car. They carefully brushed and picked glass off of my skin and clothes. One of these angels, Samantha Surber, lives in our wonderful community. Her friend, Heather lives in Nevada City. Despite the glass on the seat, they drove my car off the road.

Many people stopped to see if they could help including Helen Hanson and her daughter. The four women made a tent around me so I could remove my blouse and brush off more glass. Before Helen drove me home, the two young ladies cautioned me about symptoms of shock. We have some great, involved young people out there. Heather and Samantha went far out of their way with great concern and care. Thank you both so very much for all you did.



Welcome Committee *Karen Lari*

In the past two months, 37 newcomers packets were delivered to the doorsteps of new homeowners by Denise Cain, Phil Cichon, Olivia Diaz and myself. Thanks everyone! I hope we get some new people to join our extraordinary Homeowners Association!

Candidates for the CSHA Board of Directors

The CSHA Board respectfully submits the following names for consideration for **eight** vacant Board positions. Only homeowners who are CSHA members are eligible to vote. Renters are not eligible to vote unless they have written approval of the property owner to transfer voting rights to the renter. Ballots will be checked for eligibility to vote. Only one ballot per member household will be accepted (CSHA By-Laws). The term of office of the new Directors will be April 1, 2005 — March 31, 2007. A continuing member of the Board is Olivia Diaz whose term ends March 31, 2006. CSHA By-Laws specify a maximum of 9 Board Members. Write-ins are permitted. Ballots are due April 2, 1 pm.

The following are candidates for 2-year terms, April 1, 2005—March 31, 2007

Dane Brinkman, Mountain View Drive (appointed to fill Heather Linderfelt's term) Living in Cascade Shores offers a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the Sierra in a caring, supportive community. Since joining the CSHA Board I have partnered with others to encourage inclusive attitudes, improve communications, and focus on meeting the changing needs of residents. One result has been a new website (cascadeshores.org) where community news, events, and information are posted. I hope to be able to continue these and other efforts to improve life in the Shores for many years.

Greg Clark, Banner Quaker Hill Rd, born and raised in Redondo Beach, is a licensed electrical contractor, and runs his own successful business, GC Electric. He believes in hard work and honesty, and lives his life by these beliefs. He and his family have grown to love the sense of community here, a compliment to the natural beauty of the place. Greg has been responsible for Lost Mine Lake for years, made many improvements and truly enjoys the privilege of maintaining the "little lake," our own little treasure.



Robert Crabb, Sargent-Jacobs Drive As I have done for the past two years as your President, I will continue to work to improve our beautiful neighborhood.



Bill Levitz, Mountain View Drive (appointed to fill Dave Shrack's Term)

Carolyn Inglis, Lake Lane (appointed to fill Morris Stark's term) I was born in San Francisco. I'm married with one daughter and two sons. I have two adorable grandchildren and work full time for FedEx as an Integrated Solutions Consultant. I moved to Nevada City in 2003. I sit in my office, look at Scotts Flat Lake, and truly feel like the luckiest person in the world.



Karen Lari, Summit Ridge Drive. Gazing on Scotts Flat Lake fills me with a sense of peace and tranquility. Its smooth, glassy surface reflects the beauty of the mountains, the surrounding forests and mirrors back to me a part of myself. When my daughters moved on with their education, I moved here to find my heart. The people of Cascade Shores are as beautiful as the lake itself. Along with other neighbors, I wish to have a voice in protecting and preserving this beauty.

Giovanni Paredes, Gold Bug Road (appointed to fill Steve Foxe's term) I am a 4 year resident of Cascade Shores and for the last 3 years I have operated www.cascadeshores.com, a personal website that captures my passion for weather and technology. I currently serve as the Website administrator for the CSHA website www.cascadeshores.org and hope to continue to highlight and capture the beauty and growing community of the Shores.



Harry Wander, Summit Ridge Drive. My wife, Rose, and I live full time on Summit Ridge Drive after being part-time homeowners since 1993. I am a pediatrician in practice in the Yuba City-Marysville area with 35 years experience. I served on the governing boards of my medical group for over 30 years and am the managing partner of 2 real estate partnerships. I served in the Navy for 10 years as a physician, then 11 years in the Army Reserve, retiring as a Colonel. I hope that my experience will help make a contribution towards solving problems we face in this area. I look forward to continued involvement in this community.



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Wildlife in our Neighborhood

Animals in Cascade Shores

Karen Lari

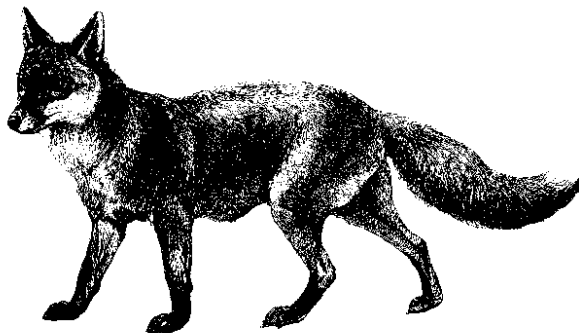
The first week in December I spotted a fox running across Summit Ridge Drive. This was my second time sighting it.

Many foxes live in the Shores. They are very special. Their only real predator is man. Man has been killing foxes for their beautiful fur throughout time and they know it. For a fox to reveal itself to a human is rare and a wonderful event, one that I find to be spiritual.

A little fox instinctually possesses the qualities of a good parent. They are monogamous, protective, and nurturing. Foxes do not abandon their young. If the male dies, the female will leave her den to hunt during the day. If the mother dies, the male will feed his offspring through a process of regurgitation.

Foxes are great survivors. The ability to hide and to run quickly has kept these critters alive for centuries. A fox can out-fox just about all of their predators, including cougars and coyotes.

If you happen to see one, realize that you just made contact with nature in a most unusual way!



Mysterious Fawn Migration *Shera Banbury (sherabanbury@jps.net)*



My headlights shone on Red Dog Road in the dark of the night at 2:15 a.m. on October 2nd, 2004. As I passed Caledonia Way on the right, past the cemetery, a magical image occurred. I sometimes have seen two or even three deer crossing the road. This, however, was a truly awesome sighting of twenty to thirty small fawns led by a few larger deer crossing the road from the left and proceeding just to the right of a cyclone gate. The gate stands alone surrounded by brush without

fencing. I have never seen deer travel in such a large herd. It was beautiful, a memorable sight to behold. This description oversimplifies what an awesome and wonderful experience it was.

Three days later, on my way in to Nevada City, I passed the body of a young fawn in the road at the same location. Please drive the speed limit and be particularly watchful in that area. There are many deer crossings on Red Dog [see article by Nira on page 4].

I wondered if I'd been the only one to see such a phenomenal migration, or if any of you reading this may have also seen it. Please let me know.

Notes from the Editor

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

Please send submissions for the Summer newsletter by June 15 — neighborhood issues and concerns, Cascade Shores history, activities and events, nature. If you have a story idea please contact me.

Advertisements defray a portion of the newsletter costs. Contact Robert Crabb to place an ad.

Check out CSHA's new web page at cascadeshores.org. Giovanni Paredes is our website administrator. Past newsletters back through Fall 2001 are available on the website.

Many thanks to Olivia Diaz for help in preparing this issue.

Cascade Shores Women's Club

Lenore Teuber

The women's club has some fun events planned this year. The Saturday before Easter, March 26, at 1 PM, a party for the children is planned at the firehouse. On April 13th we have our annual luncheon. We will visit the Oslin's alpaca farm. We have our meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at members' homes and in the summer at Lost

Mine Lake. We will have a trial evening meeting March 9 so more ladies can attend.

We have interest groups for books, walking and dominoes. We are working to see if we have enough interest to continue our yoga and massage groups. Our gardeners help clean the firehouse garden before the first big event, this year, the Easter Party. All women in Cascade Shores are welcome to CSWC. Call Lenore Teuber at 265-9378 or Olivia Diaz at 470-8303 for further information.

Store News *Keith and Patricia Carman*

Hours subject to change.

Breakfast: Tuesday—Sunday

Grill closes 30 minutes before the store closes.

Hours:

Monday: 10 am—5 pm.

Tuesday—Thursday: 9 am—8 pm

Friday: 9 am—9 pm PIZZA!

Saturday: 9 am—9 pm BBQ!

Sunday 9 am—5 pm. No Dinners



Green Cans - The Smokeless Way to Lose Pine Needles *Curt Sutliff*

Cascade Shores has a wonderful new way to get rid of pine needles and oak leaves without burning. It's called Green Can Service, from your friendly trash collection company, Waste Management.

The Green Cans, which are not really green, are 90 gallon, two wheeled plastic trash containers that you see sitting out with the trash cans every other Thursday, alternating with the recycle collection. They are called Green Cans because they originated in the suburbs to collect lawn clippings and hedge trimmings, which are mostly green. In Cascade Shores the "green" waste tends to be brown pine needles and oak leaves, although they will pick up lawn clippings if you have them, but no green garbage waste. And they will even pick up branches and tree limbs to three inches thick and even 2x4's no more than 3 feet long. Only things that can be burned, mulched or composted, please.

I find that I am able to fill a 90-gallon container with pine

needles in less than an hour, including clean up time. And the wheels let you drag the can around with you, so you don't need to carry the needles to the can.

In six months, working about an hour every other week, you should be able to clear a one-acre plot of most of the pine needles and oak leaves.

The best part is that when you pull the can to the street, a truck comes and takes it all away and you don't have to burn it or haul it, or even think about it.

And it costs just \$3 extra a month on your trash bill. There have been some glitches in the billing process but all in all, I consider the \$36 a year a bargain for never having to burn or haul that stuff again, and I can drop in an occasional tree branch or two by four.



Member Survey

A survey was sent out last spring. There wasn't adequate response to come to any conclusions. Thanks to those who participated.

Security Patrol *Eric Surber*

I am patrolling Cascade Shores three times a week. Please let me know if you are leaving town and want me to keep an extra watch on your house. Call me at 470-9288.

Check our website at www.CascadeShores.org

June 3, 2003



October 5, 2004



December 5, 2004



A New Beach *Denise Cain*

Photos by Carolyn Inglis

We have learned from NID officials that THERE WILL BE a beach, an improved one, at the renovated boat launch on this side of Scotts Flat Lake. Further along in the renovation, they will build up the site where the previous boat ramp was and create a new and improved beach.

Their work is being delayed, not only by wet weather, but also by hooligans who are using their trucks to drag aside the concrete barricades and then drive around in the construction area. When the work crews return, they have to spend precious hours replacing the barricades and smoothing out the ruts left behind. Walking on the surface does not harm it but dragging the heavy barricades and then driving on the graded surface does.

Please help our boat launch be ready on time. Discourage friends from vandalizing the construction site.

NID assures us the boat ramp renovation will be done in time for the summer recreation season.

Mark Your Calendars!! 2005 Events and Activities

Women's Club

Evening Meeting, Wednesday March 9, 6:30 pm, 16914 Pasquale Road

Easter Eggs Coloring, Saturday March 26, 1 pm Firehouse

Annual Meeting, Saturday, April 2, 1 pm Firehouse. Last day to turn in ballots.

CERT Training

Sewer Update

Demonstration of Barricade Fire blocking gel [<http://barricadegel.com/>]

Board Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Firehouse

Oktoberfest, October 1 (tentative)

EVENTS at our LAKE

Cleanup, Saturday, May 28, 11 am — 2 pm

Spaghetti Feed, Saturday, June 25, 4 — 7 pm

Sing-a-long with Liz McAteer, Sunday, July 3, 4 — 7 pm

Wine Tasting, Saturday, July 23, 4 - 7 pm

Tri-tip Barbeque, Saturday, August 27, 4 — 7 pm