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**Cascade Shore Homeowners
Association**

On the web at www.CascadeShores.org

President's Report

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We have **Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (C.C.&R's.)** Although not extensive (a mere three pages) the restrictions are in place to maintain the beauty and integrity of our neighborhood.

Most of us moved here because of the forest, so there are restrictions on the number and size of trees to be cut (a property does not have to be clear-cut for fire safety). Of course, there are exceptions for dead or diseased trees, trees that pose a hazard, and, in the case of vacant property, trees that need to be cut for the footprint of a new house. There are also restrictions on the type and extent of fences, location of some structures and vehicles, or other visual obstacles that may pose a safety hazard or detract from the beauty of Cascade Shores. Property owners also have to abide by county codes which contain many more restrictions than our aesthetic codes do. As with county codes, all C.C.& R's are enforceable through the courts.

The current Board does not want to be a "policeman" and is lenient when it comes to enforcement. Again, our standard is beauty, but the Board does from time to time file claims especially when a county code is in violation, or when a neighbor complains about a clear violation.

The Board is currently rewriting and upgrading our C.C.& R'S since the last revision was in 1969. Some restrictions need to be eliminated, especially the one that prohibits metal roofs which was in place to prevent the installing of the old barn-like corrugated silver ones. We are also adding external architecture standards for new house building and upgrades. Homeowners will have to review and vote on the amendments.

Newsletter

16914 Pasquale Road

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Candidate for the CSHA Board of Directors

The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association (CSHA) Board respectfully submits the following name for consideration for **one** vacant Board position. Only homeowners who are members of CSHA 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). CSHA By-Laws specify a maximum of 9 Board Members. Write-ins are permitted. Ballots are due April 1, 1 pm.

The following is a candidate for a 2-year term, April 1, 2006—March 31, 2008

John Jimenez

John is currently filling a vacant board position. (term ending Mar. 31, 2006)

I was born in Salinas, CA and have lived in Half Moon Bay, Belmont, and Foster City, CA before moving to Cascade Shores in 2004. My wife and I love the outdoors and activities that come with living in our beautiful county. I worked for Longs as a manager for 22 years and am delighted to be the Treasurer and Membership Chair for our Homeowners Association.



CSHA Board Members with terms ending March 31, 2007: Robert Crabb (President), Harry Wander (Vice President), Carolyn Inglis (Secretary), Members-at-Large: Denise Cain, Karen Lari, Annette Murphy, Giovanni Paredes, Kent Rees



Two trees had to be removed from Lost Mine Lake because of a danger caused by this winter's continuous rains. One rather large tree's roots broke ground, and it fell but lodged in the branches of another tree narrowly missing the kitchen shed. Another was dead, and there was fear that it would uproot also. There was wood for the taking, and there might be some left. Help yourself.

Sewer Update *Mike Inglis*

There could be a potential \$200-\$250 tax increase for individuals on the sewer as a worst case scenario. Nevada County is still negotiating with our insurance company on the plant move and how much they will pay. Currently we have \$502,000 in grants with the potential for an additional \$2,000,000 in grants. We will still have a debt of \$748,000 left and hopefully the insurance will cover that. We will know more in March about grants and insurance payments. Cascade Shores is one of the first small community waste water treatment facilities to be affected by the clean water initiative. Nevada County is on the forefront of this clean water initiative because of the timing of the renewal of our plant operating permit.

Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment Providing Better Fire Protection

Tim Fike, Chief, Nevada Consolidated Fire District

Web Page: <http://www.nccfire.com>

I would like to update you on what the District has done since October 2004 when the fire suppression benefit assessment was passed. We created our 2005 budget with the anticipation of proceeds of the assessment hitting our books in December of 2005.

We then held a career firefighter testing process and selected six outstanding firefighters so that we could begin our permanent staffing of the Alta Sierra fire station with two on duty 24/7. This step was completed by July 2005. In the meantime, a good deal of work was done to the station to make it more conducive to 24-hour staffing. The broken cement apron, the septic system, and the 20-year-old carpets were all replaced; some furniture was needed, along with some new paint to spruce it up. Much of the work was done in-house, saving you, the taxpayer, thousands of dollars.

As all of this progressed, our staff worked out the details for ordering our next three fire engines. These 4X4 engines were ordered by October 2005 and have the most up-to-date technology to meet the demands of our urban/wildland interface area. They are capable of wildland firefighting with compressed air foam or pumping 1,500 GPM on a commercial structure fire. We look forward to their delivery by May of 2006. They will be the prototype for future purchases.

In November of 2005, we initiated our staffing of the Ban-

ner Mountain Station on Banner Lava Cap road. It is now staffed with two firefighters 24/7. We then promoted three of our personnel to Captain to help manage our diverse 150-square mile response area. (see photo).

For several months in 2005, we went through a rigorous review of our fire district operations by the Insurance Services Organization (ISO). They examine every aspect of our capability from response records, times and number of personnel we use to respond to a fire, our training records (how often, how many hours, what kind, down to the last person), vehicle maintenance records, hose testing (every length has to be pressure tested, all 35,000 feet of it), and business inspection records. Our 911 Dispatch Center was reviewed, NID was reviewed, and the list goes on.

The good news is we maintained the ISO rating of Class 4 that we were given after our last review in 2000. The better news is that it improved the former 49er Fire Protection District area from an ISO rating of Class 5 that they had. The even better news for me was, after I did some research on the significance of a 4 rating, I found that less than 7% of the 46,627 fire departments rated in the nation were an ISO Class 4 or better. The best rating is a Class 1 rating. As of 2002 statistics (the most recently available), only 45 departments in the nation could meet it. If you are in a Class 9 or 10, 10 being the worst, you can pretty much bet you can't get fire insurance for your home in California. Our Class 4 rating went into effect January 1, 2006

The assessment allowed us to increase full time staffed fire stations from two to four. The four 24/7 staffed stations are: Coyote at Highway 49, Banner Mountain, Highway 49 at La Barr Meadows, and the Alta Sierra Station. We also staff part-time with Seasonal Firefighters the Alta Oaks Station on Ridge Road at Alta St. and we jointly staff with the City of Grass Valley at the Brighton Street Station and the City of Nevada City on Providence Mine Road. We have seven all volunteer stations that are all volunteer. (a.k.a. Paid-Call).

We have 33 career Firefighters consisting of one Chief, three Battalion Chiefs (Fire Marshal, Operations, and Training), one Fire Prevention Officer, six Captains, 12 Engineers, one Engineer/Mechanic, and nine Firefighters. In addition we have a Finance/Office Manager, a Board/District Secretary, an Administrative Clerk, and a part-time Human Resources Administrator, 10 Seasonal Firefighters and 22 Paid-Call Firefighters.

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New Captains: Mike Stewart, Brad Amaral and Bruce Niederberger standing behind Chief Tim Fike.

Your Neighbors: Cascade Shores Residents Meet Local Needs

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There's a Bear in my Truck!

As told to Olivia Diaz by Lars and Nickole Ortegren



That's what Lars and Nickole discovered one early morning (2 a.m.) in December when they were wakened by loud honking of the truck horn. Lars jumped out of bed and ran outside and saw a bear in the cab of his company truck.

The bear had opened the unlocked door and climbed into the cab and the door slammed shut. Frantic to get out the bear clawed and thrashed around, but the door had locked behind him. As he roared around in the close space he repeatedly hit the horn, which frightened him even more.

Nickole called Animal Control and left a message. When she received a call back the person apologized that they were not set up to handle such an event and instructed her to call 911. A call to 911 connected her to the Sheriff's Department. Two deputy sheriffs showed up in about 10 minutes. One deputy had his gun drawn.

After some consultation between Lars and the deputies, they decided that one deputy would stand on the roof of

the truck. The other one with a gun crouched on the driver's side but toward the back of the truck bed, while Lars unlocked the door, opened it and moved quickly away. They agreed to shoot only if the bear attacked.

Lars, moving gingerly, unlocked the door on the driver's side and backed away quickly while Nickole watched nervously from the door of their home. Nothing happened. The bear remained in the truck quietly looking out the open door. They waited. The bear didn't move. Nickole recognized the bear as a cub that had been frightened by dogs and climbed a tree in front of her house a few months before. She realized he was still young so she started to call him as she would call her small children. "Come on baby, come on out. Come here." After a few of her cajoling calls, the bear leaped out of the cab, stopped, looked around and then ambled away.

Lars looked at his boss's truck. The upholstery was torn, there were claw marks on the metal frame of the windows and dashboard and a pile of bear scat on the floor. He wondered what he would say to his boss.

The moral of this tale is that if you leave your vehicle outside, be sure to lock the doors. We have learned that our bears know how to open a car door.



Fire Suppression Benefit

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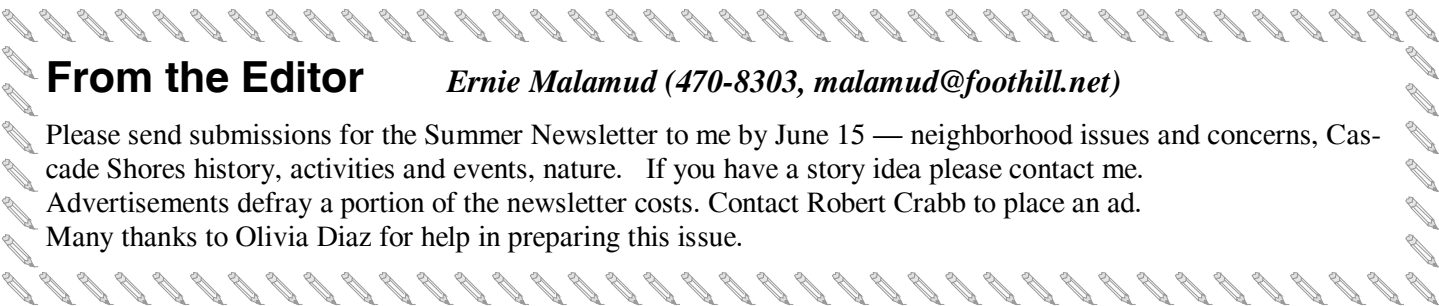
We are the largest fire district in Nevada County, serving over 35,000 residents in our 150-square-mile area, and responded to 3,558 incidents last year. I am convinced that we have done everything in our power to judiciously spend the \$89 per year that you pay on an improved parcel in order to provide you better fire protection. Thank you for your continued support.

Party Place for Cascade Shores Kids

Annette Murphy

Come Spring, the area near the play structure will be set up for children's gatherings: small round primary colored tables, seating, and for special events, bright umbrellas are planned. This will be in conjunction with the CSHA. Thanks to John Jimenez for the paint job on the cable spools and thanks to Robert Crabb for helping him haul them there.

WANTED: A donated **functioning** electric stove for the Fire Station. Cal 470-8303



From the Editor

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

Please send submissions for the Summer Newsletter to me 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.

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

On the Streets Where We Live!

Annette Murphy

Some time in May drive around the Shores and look for the daffodils planted by the folks who supported the Cascade Shores Women’s Club fundraiser last year. Since the daffodils need full sun, some plantings won’t be visible from the street. By blooming later, these daffodil bulbs do better in the Shores than the ones you buy in the stores.

Daffodils will be available for planting in the fall for those folks who place an order this spring. Watch for the order dates and costs posted on the marquee in front of the fire station and on the web site, cascadeshores.org. And also

watch the marquee and web site for an announcement regarding the dates you can drive through the Shores to see our daffodils.

Here are the daffodil streets where we live: Aurora Close, Banner Quaker Hill, Cascade Loop, Gas Canyon, Gaston Dr., Lake Lane, Mountain View Dr., Nugget Street, Pasquale Road, Pawnee Trail, Sargent Jacobs Dr., Spanish Lane, Summit Ridge Dr. and out of the area Crystal Wells Road, Windsor Street, Grass Valley and Lake Shastina.

Remember, the bright yellow of daffodils can chase away the winter blues.



Real Estate in Cascade Shores

Bill Levitz

The data is from the Nevada County Board of Realtors Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Although subject to minor corrections, it serves as a reliable indicator of trends.

Comparing 2004 and 2005, residential home prices have risen as one would expect but the number of homes sold is lower. One might reasonably assume that higher prices may have slowed down sales. The majority of brokerages realize that increasing prices are the main factor for the slow down of homes sold. There are large numbers of price reductions that are reported to the MLS every day. The trend for brokers is to price new listings so they are more affordable to buyers that are still enthusiastically shopping every day.

The average price of lots shows a decrease in average price. In 2004 there were some premium properties sold that would have boosted the numbers. The stats for 2005 for lots are (in my opinion) mostly affected by the lesser quality of land available. The uncertainty from “the sewer issue” was sure to affect prices as well as desirable lots available.

The general consensus among brokers is that there are still well informed buyers aggressively shopping this market who will immediately pounce upon any property that is well priced. It should be noted that buyers in this market have for the most part been shopping our market for years. The Internet now provides these buyers with the tools necessary to shop our market. Once we all adjust our prices to reasonably reflect healthy appreciation, the pent up demand should create more sales.

	Cascade Shores Residential		Nevada City
	2004	2005	2005
# of homes	34	14	275
Average \$	\$320,712	\$403,547	\$555,744
Median Price	\$315,000	\$385,000	\$517,500
Price Range	\$232 to \$450,000	\$265-\$599,900	\$89,900 - \$1,600,000
	Cascade Shores - Land		Nevada City
	2004	2005	2005
# of Lots	9	14	95
Average \$	\$149,878	\$105,914	\$256,786
Median \$	\$90,000	\$117,500	\$248,000
Price Range	\$61,000-\$415,000	\$38,000-\$162,000	\$35,500-\$775,000

Women's Club Activities

Olivia Diaz, President CSWC

The Cascade Shores Women's Club (CSWC) elected new officers for the year: President Olivia Diaz, Vice President Marvina Lepianka, Secretary Lenore Teuber, Treasurer Barbie Feyh. These four people constitute the CSWC Executive Committee.

The membership asked that the Executive Committee start meeting to discuss business and make recommendations at the regular meetings in order to shorten the membership meetings.

Easter Egg Decorating & Spring Crafts party

Our next free children's event will be **Saturday April 15 - 12 noon-3:00 p.m.** Families are asked to bring boiled eggs to die and decorate. There will be materials to decorate their own Easter bag and make other Spring crafts. There will be games and goodies to eat. We do ask that parents accompany their children.

Meetings

For the year, meetings will alternate between afternoon and evening meetings to accommodate women who work or have other commitments during the day and also those who prefer not to venture out at night.

The next 6 meetings of Women's Club will be:

March 9 6:30 p.m. Chili Supper

Getting to Know You social

April 13 1:30 p.m. meeting

May 11 6:30 meeting

June 8 12:30 p.m. Lost Mine Lake bag lunch

July 13 6:30 p.m. LML General picnic for families

August 10 12:30 p.m. Lost Mine Lake bag lunch

Membership fee is \$10 payable to our Treasurer, Barbie Feyh, 12999 Summit Ridge Dr. For information on the meeting place, please contact Olivia Diaz 470-8303.

Our meetings begin with "Happy Bucks," an opportunity to share a happy event in your life. It costs a buck to brag. There is also a 25 cent 50-50 raffle at each meeting so bring a quarter to the meeting.

Children's Parties

Women's Club sponsors children's events free to families in the Shores.

Our Christmas with Santa party on December 9, 2005 was another great success. We had a wonderful Santa delivered to the Fire Station by our Fire Fighters in the Fire En-

gine. There were lots of activities and lots of food and fun. We hosted 40 children under eight years of age. At each of the four parties we have sponsored to date consistently about 40 children and their families have attended. The activities, supplies, decorations and food are provided either by donations from the members or paid for out of the proceeds of our fund raisers.

We will have a variety of fund raisers at the CSHA summer events. We plan to hold a 50/50 raffle, sell gift baskets and continue to sell our Cascade Shores T-Shirts.

If you would like to help us by making a donation, please send it to Barbie Feyh, Treasurer 12999 Summit Ridge Drive. We will use your donation to help make the kids happy.

Cascade Shores T-Shirts

Women's Club is taking orders for T-shirts with the Cascade Shores Logo on it. You have your choice of a few styles of shirts. The logo is printed in white on the color of your choice. Adult sizes are \$15 and children's sizes \$12. Call Anna Rees at 265-6114 to place your order. She will take orders for children and adult T-shirts at the Easter party on April 15.

Outreach Committee

Did you receive a letter in the mail asking the woman of the house to join the Cascade Shores Women's Club? That was the work of the Outreach Committee who want to be sure residents know that we would love to meet them and have them join us.

Women's Club is about creating a community in Cascade Shores. We want the young families to know who else is in the Shores, we want residents to know if their neighbors have a needed expertise and we want our children to grow up in a community that knows who they are and can watch out for them.

Volunteers Needed

Women's Club has many opportunities for our members to volunteer. We have broken down the jobs to small discrete tasks so that no one has to work too hard.

We are looking for volunteers to

- Work on gift baskets to raffle (2 or 3)
- Photograph our children's events for the newsletter and web page
- Mail out the minutes of the Women's Club meetings
- A historian to continue our photo album

Propane Alliance *John Jimenez*

One of the benefits of being a member of the Cascade Shores Homeowners Association is our Alliance with Suburban Propane. We have worked with Suburban Propane to give our CSHA members a special discount on propane purchases. The average savings over the last three months was 52 cents a gallon. If you filled a 200-gallon tank your savings would have been \$104. The discount you receive

would more than cover the \$70 annual membership dues.

Just like gasoline prices propane prices fluctuate daily. Nevertheless, you will still receive your discount regardless.

To receive the discount just call Suburban Propane, 263-6113 and let them know you are a member of CSHA. Suburban has a current list of our members for verification purposes.

CERT Team Update

Kent Rees, CERT Liaison for Cascade Shores

Emergency volunteers from Cascade Shores stepped forward last summer to receive vital training in first aid, fire suppression, and support roles in working with first responders.

Our 2006 project is to establish a cache of safety supplies at the firehouse available in the event of a disaster. Our start-

ing effort is to solicit these supplies from our residents who might have something to donate. Such items could include crutches, a wheelchair, blankets, medical equipment and first aid supplies. For a list of suggested supplies, please see the Cascade Shores official web site (cascadeshores.com) and click on the CERT link. If you have anything you'd like to donate, please give me a call at 265-6114.

Website: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/CERT/>

2006 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 1, 1 pm. Annual CSHA Meeting at the Firehouse.

APRIL 15, 12 noon—3 pm. Easter Party at the Firehouse. (see page 7)

MAY 12 (SAT) Annual Cleanup of Lost Mine Lake (LML). LML events are a 30-year tradition here in the Shores. Volunteers needed to help clean up and prepare the Lake and grounds for the summer season. A gourmet picnic lunch will be served to all helpers. This is fun, and there's always a lot to do. Bring your tools! (weather alternate date is Sat. June 2) Call Denise Cain at 265-8680.

MAY 20 (SAT) Our FIRST group trip to Raley Field for a Sacramento Rivercats Baseball night! The first 50 people to sign-up will be bussed from here to Raley. Pizza will be served en route! You can view downtown Sac lights from our 3rd base line seats, and enjoy the after game FIREWORKS SHOW. It's a 7:05 game; we'll leave in plenty of time for the 65-mile trip. We need pizza bakers and a 2nd coordinator. Call Denise Cain (265-8680) if you want to help.

JUNE 24 (SAT) LUAU AT LML. Our first summer dinner has a Hawaiian Theme this year. So get out your best Hawaiian shirt and skirt, grab your kayak or boogie board, and come for a Luau dinner, drinks, entertainment and raffle. We need a coordinator, volunteers and decorators! Call Denise Cain at 265-8680 if you want to help.

JULY 22 (SAT) Our third annual WINE TASTING. Indulge in local wines and nibble a vast selection of appetizers on a beautiful July evening at LML. This is a hugely popular event. A wine basket is raffled, and we are searching for a special auction item. Any ideas? Carolyn Inglis (265-9147) and Lori Sheftal (478-9731), coordinators if you can help..

AUG. 26 (Sat) Our August dinner event is still being planned, as we try to "out do" last years wonderful BBQ, raffle and auction of a private plane ride! We're thinking of a 50's theme, but we're open. Got any ideas? We need coordinators, and helpers. Contact Denise Cain at 265-8680.

SEP 23 (SAT) We're having a huge neighborhood **YARD SALE** at the Firehouse. We will do the advertising, help you set up, and plan a BBQ and refreshments for the customers. You pay only a small fee for a space, or you may donate your items to the CSHA booth. If you have a craft to sell, this may be the place! Call Denise at 265-8680 to help

OCT 7TH (SAT) 3rd annual **OCTOBERFEST at LML.** Beer, Brats, frivolity, kids games. Lots of fun for everyone, and our last event before fall is fully upon us. Coordinators and helpers needed. Call Karen Lari at 478-1734.