

Cascade Connections

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Cascade Shores Homeowners
Association

Spring 2008

President's Message

Michael Cotton, resident and owner of Michael's Tree Service, donated his labor and time to fell the twenty-three bark beetle damaged pine trees at the Lost Mine Lake picnic area. The trees had to be cut because of the danger of falling limbs and uprooting and crushing the children's play set. We Board members are so grateful that Michael and his crew came to the rescue of CSHA and saved us from yet another crisis.

The CSHA web site is up and running and being revised and upgraded by **Denise Cain**, the website coordinator. Denise plans to provide links to county services and local advertisers. Bill Levitz, resident realtor, already has his website and the area listings linked to the CSHA site. To advertise a business, service, event, etc., e-mail Denise @ caindenises@gmail.com.

Due to the price of propane, the association is experiencing a flurry of new members or previous members rejoining because of the substantial discount offered by Suburban Propane. One can save \$200 or more on a tank fill-up which makes our dues at \$70 a year more of a bargain than ever. Propane, by the way, is a by-product in the process of making gasoline, but its price fluctuates along with the world's supply and demand of crude oil.

A record number of participants plunged into the freezing water of Scotts Flat Lake for the ninth-annual Polar Bear Club's New Year's Day event. Fortunately, the sun was shining.

This newsletter marks the end of our fiscal year. Inclosed is a registration form and a ballot for the election of the Board of Directors. Please return the registration form in a timely manner along with a check in the addressed envelope.

Please send-in your dues before the Annual Meeting which is Saturday, April 5th @ 1:00 or your name will be removed from the propane list, and you will not receive the discount. The topic of the Annual Meeting is "Getting Our Financial House in Order". The Board would welcome your ideas on this topic or any other topic, so please plan to attend.

Robert Crabb

What Does CSHA Membership Mean?

\$70 a year enrolls a household in the homeowners' association as full members. Most importantly, a member becomes part of a group of volunteers who want to protect the interests of Cascade Shores. There is strength in numbers, and local government listens to our concerns whether they are about roads, fire protection, snow removal, school bus access, the sewer situation, etc. A direct benefit of our strength in numbers is the "group buy" that Suburban Propane gives us, allowing our members to save approximately 20% on the annual cost of propane. Members also receive a periodical newsletter and information and updates on the Cascade Shores web site.

All members also enjoy full use of Lost Mine Lake. Owned, operated and insured by CSHA, Lost Mine Lake is a unique recreational area and a wonderful place for warm water swimming, picnicking or just enjoying nature. Children can use the play equipment and play in the sand or wade into the shallow water. Homeowners can rent the facility including the barbecue area at reduced rates. During the summer the CSHA sponsors fun events at the "little lake" including "theme" parties, kayak races, etc. Lost Mine Lake also provides income since the facility can be rented to the general public for weddings and private parties.

One of the biggest indirect benefits of membership is being part of a community where neighbors get to know one another, foster new friendships and help each other in times of need and to keep Cascade Shores a beautiful and a desirable place to live. The CSHA Board of Directors meets the first Tuesday of each month, and the annual meeting is the first Saturday in April (this year, April 5th.). Meetings are open to all members who can use the opportunity to meet us to discuss issues or concerns.

If you are a person or family new to our community, please JOIN NOW and add your voice to the power of our numbers in promoting and protecting our neighborhood.

CSHA Board of Directors

Sewer Update

Nate Beason, Jan Christofferson, and Gordon Platenga at a meeting on January 16th at the Firehouse, advised that the Board of Directors of Nevada County Sanitation District increase the sewer fees by \$450 annually beginning July 1, 2009 for the fiscal year 2009/2010. The increase is a rate authorization that needs to be adopted by February 5, 2008 to insure a State Revolving Fund Loan of \$339,007. This loan is part of the financing plan for the estimated \$4,584,474 needed for the project to replace the existing sewer plant and cover its operating costs.

The Sanitation Board of Directors will continue to work on options for reducing or eliminating the rate increase before it is put into place on July 1, 2009. The rate increase has already been reduced from \$880 to \$450 because of a long-term debt abatement for the Cascade Shores sewer that the County Board of Supervisors authorized on December 18th subject to the commencement of the new plant construction to begin this spring.

It is important to residents connected to the sewer that this increase will be effective UNLESS there is a majority protest before or at the Pubic Hearing on February 5, 2008.

If the proposed increase does not go into effect:

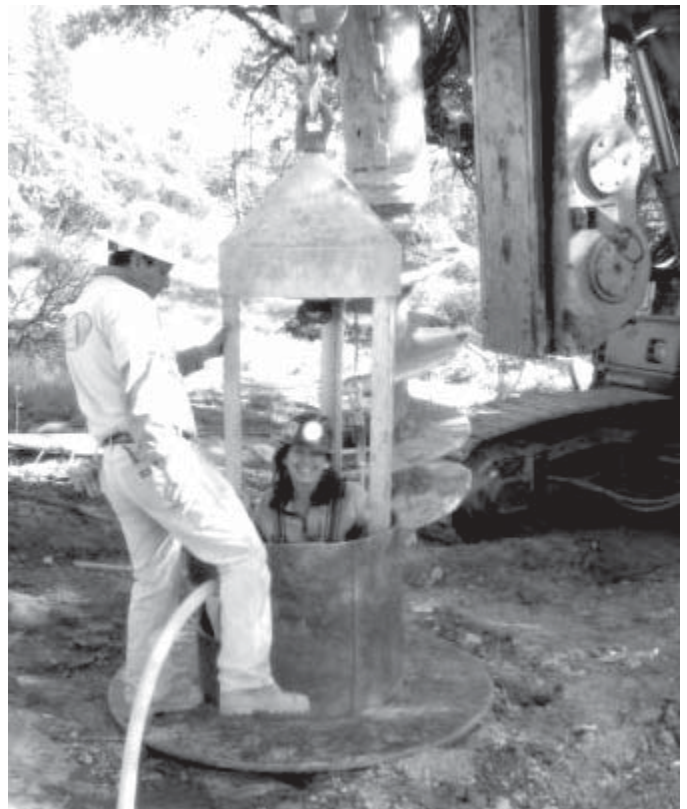
- Proposed project needed to satisfy the permit requirements would not be constructed
- \$2,000,000 Small Community Wastewater Grant would not be available
- \$500,00 Community Development Grant would not be available
- Existing fines of \$496,000 for permit violation and sewer spill would become due and payable
- Existing County loans totaling \$684,587 would remain and not abated
- RWCQCB discharge permit requirements may be subject to judicial enforcement by State Attorney General's office
- The existing sewer rate of \$1,995 will continue

Carolyn Inglis

For more information and additional background on sewer issues, email or phone Carolyn -cpinglis@yahoo.com (530)265-9147



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Shore's resident geologist Janis Johnson prepares to be lowered into a drilled hole in the cliff above the sewer plant to asses the soil's stability for a possible future landslide.

Shore Shots

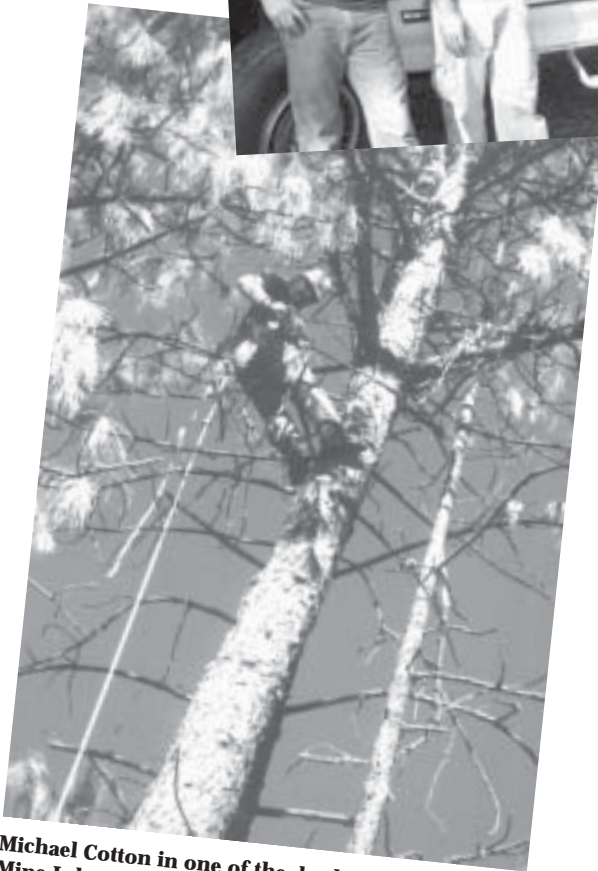


Residents emerge from Scott's Flat Lake's freezing water after the annual New Year's day polar bear plunge.

Michael Cotton (left) and his crew Jason and Josh.



Resident realtor Bill Levitz shovels snow for his neighbor Alice Arista.



Michael Cotton in one of the dead pine trees at Lost Mine Lake.



Residents who helped tree removal and chipping at Lost Mine Lake.

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Cascade Shores Events Calendar

March 22 (Saturday)-Woman's Club **EASTER PARTY** for kids-1:00 to 3:00

April 5 (Saturday)-**C.S.H.A ANNUAL MEETING**-1:00 @ the Firehouse.

May 17 (Saturday)-**LOST MINE LAKE CLEAN-UP**-10:00- Lunch and beverages for all helpers.

June 21(Saturday-tentative)-**LUAU**-1:00 @ LML.

July 26 (Saturday-tentative)-**FAMILY PICNIC AND KAYAK RACES**-12:00 @ LML.

September 6 (Saturday)-**FLEA MARKET**-9:00 @ The Firehouse

September 14 (Sunday)-**WOMAN'S TRIATHLON**-8:00 to 1:00 @ Cascade Shores Boat Ramp.

October 25 (Saturday)-Woman's Club **HAUNTED HOUSE** for older kids-7:00 to 9:00 P.M. @ The Firehouse.

October 26 (Sunday)-Woman's Club **HALLOWEEN PARTY** for kids-2:00 to 4:00 @ The Firehouse.

December 13 (Saturday)-**CHRISTMAS PARTY** for kids-1:00 to 4:00 @ The Firehouse.

December 14 (Sunday)-**WOMAN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS POTLUCK** (members/spouses/guests)-6:00 P.M.