

# Cascade Connections

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Cascade Shores Homeowners  
Association

Fall 2011

## President's Message

Sharon Hogan, CSHA President

The demographics are transitioning toward more permanent residents and families with children. You can see the change looking at full elementary school and high school buses at Cascade Shores bus stops.

The Board has worked hard this year to provide activities that reflect these changes. We instituted Wednesday night BBQ Potlucks for the months of June, July, and August at Lost Mine Lake. These evenings provided an opportunity to meet new members -- adults and kids. Friday nights in July, CSWC and CSHA co-sponsored movie nights, popcorn and drinks included. Heather Galvin showed family-type movies in the parking lot of the Firehouse. We also did a Family Picnic. Check photos on page 6.

If you have any suggestions for activities, please contact a board member listed at the end of this newsletter.

It isn't all fun. The very snowy winter caused much tree and property damage. Doug Farrell from the County Roads Department listened to residents' concerns at our Annual Meeting. The CSHA Board wrote a letter supporting Kent Rees's concerns about PG&E response time when live wires were on the ground. PG&E has been doing lots of replacement and clearing work. We hope to have a PG&E representative at a meeting to address our concerns. When a date and time is arranged, we'll post it on the bulletin board in front of the Store.

Many have noticed large brush piles at the end of several driveways in Cascade Shores. We need to get rid of brush piles; they are a definite fire hazard. Please consider the chipping program and request forms on pages 3 & 4. On page 7, notice two local people who also do chipping. Don't assume all our neighbors know these services. Spread the word. Help us reduce the fire danger.

I have been fortunate to work with Board Members, all volunteers, who give of their time and expertise. My thanks for their dedication and special gifts: Harry Wander, Pam Herrenkohl, Larry Marvin, Mike Inglis, Bill Carter, Chuck Jaffee, Larry Starn, and John Jiminez.

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Start saving those garage sale treasures now! Come Spring, we will advertise a Community Garage Sale, including maps to all participating homes. Questions: call 265-2363

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# Upgrades to Pasquale Road



Pasquale Road from Red Dog Rd. to Banner Quaker Hill Rd. weaves through a couple of neighborhoods at either end, but most of its approximately 5 miles traverses the steep canyon above Deer Creek. Along the heavily wooded way, glimpses of Upper and Lower Scotts Flat reservoir remind us about some bonus satisfactions of our Nevada City outskirts.

It's a pretty back road for a slow drive or bicycle ride or jog or walk, as well as the only alternative to Banner Quaker Hill Road when snow spreads a white layer of anxiety on Cascade Shores.

According to the county, the extensive work done this summer on Pasquale Rd. only incidentally involved widening the road in several places. The main purpose

of the upgrades involved chip sealing and fog sealing the roadway. The substantial earth moving and landscape shaping and pipe laying efforts prepared the resurfacing of this important alternate route.

Chip seals are a combination of asphalt and fine aggregate. Fog seals delay weathering, waterproof the pavement surface, and improve its ability to keep water from penetrating.

Drive safely.

## Spring Board Member Elections

It is time to elect the new Board of Directors for June 2012 – June 2014. The term is for 2 years. **Please consider joining this fine community organization.** Contact any of the Nominating Committee members by phone or email for further information or clarification:

Kent Rees, Chairperson 265-6114 knarees@nccn.net  
Mike Inglis 265-9147 r\_mike@yahoo.com  
Jan Gueval 265-2435 janguerval@gmail.com

To be considered as a candidate for election, any member may declare herself or himself by sending a written statement by February 1 to the CSHA Nominating Committee at 16528 Pasquale Rd, Nevada City, CA 95959.

Once the Board is elected in April, the newly elected Board Members select who will be president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

## President's Message (cont. from Page 1)

Many deserve special thanks for volunteer efforts at Lost Mine Lake: Mark & Chris Herrenkohl & John Strubinski mowed, watered, and weed wacked the grounds all summer. Kent Rees & Larry Starn kept up the water quality and weed removal. Bill Carter (and his thumb) built a bridge across a low spot on the trail. Harry Wander and his grandson refurbished the play structure. Pam Herrenkohl coordinated activities and rentals. Larry Marvin coordinated the family picnic. Charlotte Starn did all the activity posters. Board members hosted the BBQ nights.

Yes, an organization is only as effective as its members. CSHA has a wonderful group of members. We hope that you who are not yet members will join CSHA this year. Go to the CascadeShores.org website to download the membership form and read about membership perks.

**The Sun Rays Shine Again:** In 2005 the CSHA Board purchased the Sunray Playground structure for the picnic area at Lost Mine Lake. Harry Wander and his grandson, Alex Wilson, assembled it. Much used by children ever since, it was beginning to show its age. Recently, Harry and Alex applied a new coat of stain. They tightened all screws and bolts and replaced missing parts. It should be good for another several years of enjoyment before maintenance is again needed.



# Defensible Space Chipping Program

Fill out the Form on the flip side of this page

Fire Safe Council of Nevada City (FSCNC): P.O. Box 1112, Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Phone: 530 272-1122; Fax: 530 272-3232;  
Email: [Chipping@areyoufiresafe.com](mailto:Chipping@areyoufiresafe.com); Website: [www.areyoufiresafe.com](http://www.areyoufiresafe.com)

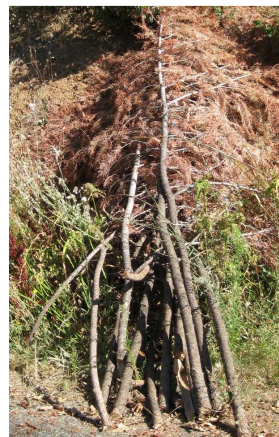


The Fire Safe Council of Nevada City is a Non-Profit organization.

The chipping program is no longer funded solely by grants. We now rely on a suggested donation of \$50 per hour from chipping customers, membership dues and the generous donations of local businesses and Nevada County residents. Your donation is much appreciated and is vital in keeping the chipping program going.

**Become a Sustaining Member to receive priority chipping!**

- **Do** create defensible space up to 100 feet from structures and 30 feet from access roads.
  - **Do** face cut ends in the same direction and point them out toward the road or driveway.
  - **Do** locate piles on level ground or on the uphill side (not downhill or in a ditch).
  - **Do** locate piles within 5 feet of a road.
  - **Do** keep the overall pile height to less than 4 feet.
  - **Do** keep individual pieces less than 8 inches in diameter & *not* shorter than 3 feet (longer is better).
  - **Complete the form** when all piles are appropriately stacked and ready to be chipped.
  - **Fax, mail or email the form.**
  - **Make a donation toward securing program funding grants.**
  - **Don't** include any roots, stumps or dirt.
  - **Don't** include any scotch broom.
  - **Don't** include any non-vegetative materials.
  - **Don't** include any poison oak.
  - **Don't** include any blackberries.
  - **Don't** include any vines.
  - **Don't** include piles of leaves, pine needles or yard clippings. (Call Waste Management, 888 964-9747, for curbside collection of such things.)
- FSCNC will not chip for timber harvest projects or vacant lots.



# Defensible Space Chipping Program

## Fill out this Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Nevada City, CA; Zip: 95959

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest cross street: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) for

Cascade Shores is 04, 05, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, **(38)**, 39

Are you a property owner?  Yes or  No

If not, state owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide directions from the store at

Banner Quaker Hill & Pasquale: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Chipping Information:

Total number of piles: \_\_\_\_\_

(Contractor will not chip more than the amount listed.)

Average pile size: \_\_\_\_\_

(width from front to back)

Length from side to side: \_\_\_\_\_

Height from top to bottom: \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the material?

Driveway;  County Road;  Private Road

Describe any special precautions to take on the property:

\_\_\_\_\_

Note: Chipping through county neighborhoods is completed in a six to eight week rotation.

### Please Note:

Piles must be established along roadways or driveways with adequate turnaround area for chipping equipment.

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### You must answer the following questions for us to obtain funding for the chipping service:

What would you do with this material if this chipping program were not available?

Burn it;  Take it to Transfer Station;  Leave it on the property;  Rent a chipper

If you took it to the Transfer Station, how many round-trip miles would it be? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours did it take to prep the piles? \_\_\_\_; Did you hire someone to cut and stack materials  Yes;  No

If you hired someone, how much did it cost? \_\_\_\_\_

### By signing below, I agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. I agree to admit the FSCNC chipping crew onto my property.
2. I agree to have the material chipped back onto my property.
3. I understand that the FSCNC has final authority in determining if piles are suitable for chipping.
4. I understand that if the pile is not prepared to our specifications, it will not be chipped.
5. I understand trustee labor supervised by FSCNC staff will be used.
6. I understand that the FSCNC makes final scheduling decisions.
7. I agree to comply with FSCNC's decision where to place the chips, as safety is their number one concern.
8. I understand that the FSCNC is not obligated to perform this service and the FSCNC is not liable for its failure to perform this service or for the negligent performance of this service.
9. I understand I WILL NOT be called the day my piles are to be chipped.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Toward Lowering Sewer Fees

Thanks to our Supervisor Nate Beason and two residents, progress has been made toward possibly reducing the sewer fees that are charged to 87 Cascade Shores families.

The fees — as much as \$2,500 per year — indirectly affect all property owners in Cascade Shores because realtors generally don't understand the scope of the fees and therefore don't bother to try hard to sell local properties.

There have been several recent developments:

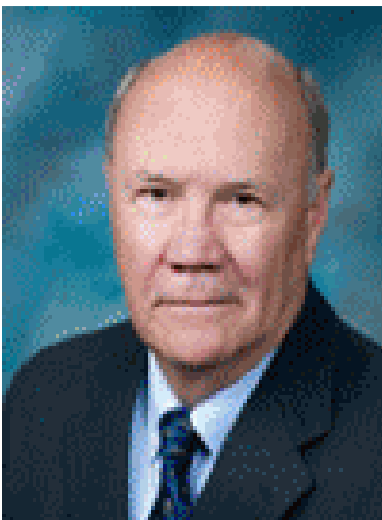
- Responding to a petition from Cascade Shores residents Judith Kildow and Robin Williams, the state regional water quality control board indicated it will entertain a move to reduce the number and types of tests from the community's waste treatment facility, thereby reducing costs considerably.
- Supervisor Beason requested relief from SRF (State Revolving Funds) loans. The state water board indicated that they would put this item on their agenda for discussion and possible action at an upcoming meeting, maybe October. If they would forgive these loans, this would also reduce annual costs.
- Supervisor Beason will notify us when a meeting with the Regional Water Board will be held to address these and other issues related to waste treatment rates. **Important:** Large turnouts at such meetings matter. Help demonstrate our community awareness and dissatisfaction with the current situation.

- Supervisor Beason and resident Kildow have approached the office of Senator Barbara Boxer to seek her aid in obtaining a Hardship Waiver to reduce annual fees to the usual 2% of income level instead of the current 8% in some cases.

In their letter petitioning the water board, Kildow and Williams made three major points:

- **Hardship:** The annual income of the 87 families on the treatment plant is approximately \$36,000. This means that many of them are paying as much as 8% of their income for the sewer plant, while federal policy limits exposure to 2%.
- **Unnecessary tertiary treatment:** Based on tests and regulation, tertiary treatment isn't needed. The effluent from the plant only reaches a dry creek bed, even during rainstorms, and it does not reach tributaries.
- **Consolidated fees:** Annual fees in the many sewer districts in the county vary widely, from about \$100 a year to more than \$3,000. Cascade Shores ranks second in the county. A single countywide district might reduce administrative and other costs and could result in a more uniform fee for all districts. (This option is strongly opposed by those with low fees.)

When news of the State Water Board meeting is available, it will be posted and circulated. Further information is available by contacting Judith Kildow at 265-8577, or jakildow@gmail.com.

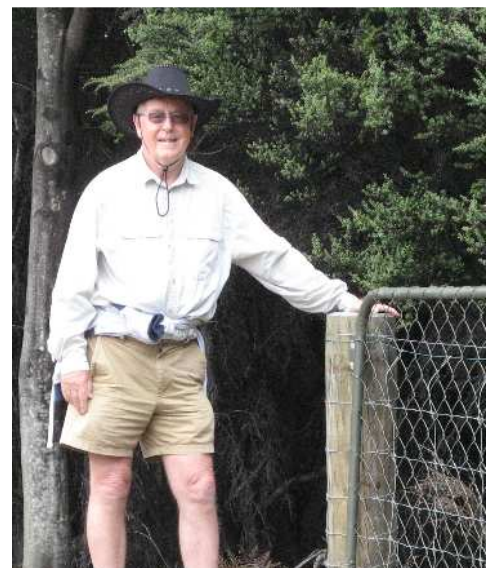


Nate Beason



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Judy Kildow



Robin Williams

# Americorps In Cascade Shores

This year, our Lost Mine Lake clean-up day, May 14, got an added boost of muscle and spirit from a team of AmeriCorps workers. Under sponsorship of the Firesafe Council of Nevada County, they spent many nights at the firehouse and worked long days for two months clearing dry brush plus a variety of fire prevention chores in the area. We were lucky to have them loaned to us. They hauled dirt, cut up dead trees, loaded trucks, and did all the heavy lifting. We were happy to offer them a free lunch and to have a chance to get to know them a bit.

From all over the US, generally in their mid-20's, most were college grads. All were polite, fun to talk with, and focused on the importance of community service. Many spoke of careers related to the environment, forestry, resource management, biology, and such. They formally introduced themselves with a handshake and words of enthusiasm for the work ahead. We felt freshly charged by the vitality of this great group of young people. A big "thank you," Firesafe Council, for bringing these dedicated individuals to help out in our community.

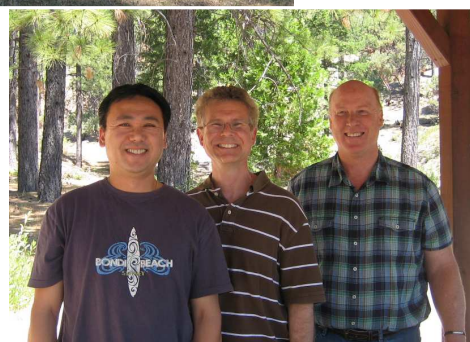
For more information about AmeriCorps and how this organization is working to meet pressing needs in communities all over the country, visit the website at [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov).

Kent Rees, Past President of CSHA

**From Lost Mine Lake Supervisor, Pam Herrenkohl:** A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped maintain the lake and the grounds – especially my husband Mark. There are still plenty of sunny days left to enjoy the lake. To reserve the picnic area for an event call me at 265-2363.

## Family Picnic & Kayaking at Lost Mine Lake

Few picnic locations are prettier than our very own Lost Mine Lake. Our August 6 event was free for all CSHA members. With perfect weather, those who attended were rewarded with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, grapes, and drinks. They got to know their neighbors better and got caught up on the latest in our wonderful community. The kayak "race" had just two young contestants (one was 4 years old). Children and adults enjoyed such games as the double ladder game and horseshoes. All contestants won prizes and had fun, fun, fun! We hope to see more of you at next year's picnic.



# Service Provider List

(all phone numbers in 530 area unless otherwise noted)

## Auto

Nugget Auto Body  
140 Scanding Ave, Grass Valley  
Chris Hensley, Owner 272-7275



## Roofing

SCL #820427  
PO Box 648 Nevada City  
Joel J. Megill, Owner 265-9506

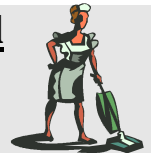


## Engineering (Civil Engineer)

Nevada City Engineering Inc.  
Engineering, Surveying, Planning  
William D. Green 265-6911  
505 Coyote St, Suite B, Nevada City

## House Cleaning & Janitorial

Residential and Commercial  
Move in, move out  
Non-toxic, scent and dye free products  
Bonded, Work Guarantee, 17 yrs. exp.  
Sharon Hess 265-6286



## Medical / Therapy

Harry J. Wander, MD, FAAP  
Sutter North Medical Group  
Yuba City  
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Sr. Aviation Medical Examiner  
(All classes FAA Medical Exams)  
749-3530  
Rose Littau, M.F.T.  
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Marriage & Family Therapist  
1512 Starr Dr. Suite B, Yuba City  
674-2438



## Snow Removal & Plowing

Clear driveway \$40  
(including berm and car)  
Berm only \$10 / Car only \$10  
Sean O'Brien, Kabota Operator  
Home 265-0172 Cell 277-9179



## Snow Removal Service

Fast and affordable – we're local!  
Ask about our all winter service plan.

Mark and Chris Herrenkohl  
Home 265-2363;  
Cell 264-6754 & 264-6748



## Tree Service

Tree Preservation / Removal / Chipping  
Lisenced / Insured / Bonded  
Discount to CSHA members  
Brian Bixler, Owner  
470-0996; bixlertree.com



## Tree Service

Michaels Personalized Tree Service  
Certified Arborist WE7065A  
SCL#723619  
Michael Cotton, Owner 265-5724

To list your business on  
CascadeShores.org and  
the Cascade Shores newsletter,  
contact Chuck Jaffee at 265-2982.

Member price is \$15 per year;  
non-member price \$20 per year.

**Cascade Shores Homeowners Association**

Member of non-profit  
FEDERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

**228 Commercial Street #277  
Nevada City, CA 95959**



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**Cascade Shores Homeowners Association**

A homeowners organization dedicated to the protection of our commonly held property, Lost Mine Lake, the promotion of community safety, property values, and the overall desirability of living in Cascade Shores.

**Board and Committee Contacts**

<b>President;</b> also FONA; Welcome Director & CS Women's Club Liaison	Sharon Hogan (hogansl@comcast.net)	470-9170
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<b>Secretary,</b> also Lost Mine Lake Supervisor & Message Board	Pam Herrenkohl (pamherrenkohl@sbcglobal.net)	265-2363
Security Patrol & Lost Mine Lake Assistant	Mike Inglis (r_mike@yahoo.com)	265-9147
Webmaster & Newsletter Editor; sewer issues	Chuck Jaffee (jaffee@startlets.com)	265-2982
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Fire Safety Consultant (Board Member at Large)	Bill Carter (billcarter147@comcast.net)	265-5699