



# Cascade Connections

CSHA Newsletter • Spring 2017

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## President's Message

This has been another significant year for Cascade Shores residents. There was both good news and bad news. I will talk about the good news first.

Our membership is at 178, an all-time high. Our Bylaws allow us to have members from neighboring communities and we are starting a program to publicize this. Having a high number of members is very important as it means more dues money to maintain and improve our facilities.

A very significant event this year was the upgrading of Cascade Shore's water supply system. Larger pipes were installed by NID, which should solve the problem some residents were having with low water pressure. As part of this project, NID replaced all of the old small fire hydrants with modern large ones. They have already proven their worth. Because of the large volume of water they can supply, the house fire at the bottom of the big hill was rapidly quenched before it could spread into the trees. That would have endangered many other homes.

NID also added additional fire hydrants in areas that were under served. All of the hydrants are of a type wherein the shut off valve is several feet below ground level. This not only means they do not have any water in them to freeze, but also that if a vehicle hits one and breaks it off, no water will come out and there will be no effect on the rest of the system.

The Firewise Committee has worked hard at encouraging home owners to clear excess brush from their properties. It is a committee of the Nevada County Fire Safe Council. The Council's work has been so significant that it received one of four national "Wildfire Mitigation Awards" for its work.

We think there has been a decrease in the vandalism at Lost Mine Lake and a decrease in the motorcycle riding on our property and the neighboring property. The cooperation of the Nevada County Sheriff is appreciated.

Many residents, myself included, received bad news from their homeowner insurance company. Many carriers decided they wanted to decrease their forest fire exposure risk and refused to renew policies. Home

owners found great difficulty in finding companies that would accept them and, if they did, the rates were usually much higher than they had been paying. I found that USAA (a company whose membership is restricted to those with a military connection) would insure me at a reasonable rate. They also gave a discount because of our "Firewise Community" designation, one of the few insurance companies to do so.

At Lost Mine Lake we have had a major problem with the ditch which drains a large area on the other side of Gas Canyon Road. This will be discussed in more detail by Vice President Doug Gloff, who is in charge of managing Lost Mine Lake. A permanent solution is going to have to be found this summer and it may well be expensive.

We have vacant positions on the Board of Directors. I encourage anybody who would like to be more involved in their community to talk with myself or another member of the Board. We need more representation.

I want to thank the other Board members; Andrew Guevel, Doug Gloff, Thom Guzman and Larry Marvin for the many hours they have contributed to the CSHA.

Harry Wander, President, CSHA

## Join Us For Wildfire Preparedness Day

**Saturday, May 6, 2017, 10:00 – 3:00**

**Rood Center Parking Lot, Nevada City**

Learn about reducing the fire danger on your property and in the community. Vendors, Information tables, Speakers, Fire Officials, Demonstrations, Children's activities, Fire Trucks, Safety Tips, Landscape and Tree Care.

Also... a FREE LUNCH for everyone, courtesy of Suburban Propane!

The Cascade Shores Firewise Committee will have its own information table. Come by and say HELLO and learn something new!

(With a good turnout, the Committee might receive a \$500 grant!)

**Everyone Welcome - No Charge!**

## Lost Mine Lake

This fall the Board members fertilized and reseeded the lawn. We also brought in soil to help control the flooding of the beach which was eroding the sand into the lake. It appears to have been reasonably effective.

The rest rooms have been pumped and painted, and new seats are to be installed this spring.

We have also scheduled painting of the structures when the weather improves.

A major project will be addressing the flooding of the lawn due to the overflow of the ditch that divides the parking lot and lawn. We started the season with a clean ditch and after heavy rains it became clogged with silt and rock runoff from across the street which caused water to overflow onto the lawn. This has resulted in gravel being strewn across the lawn which will have to be cleaned up. We have taken temporary steps to correct the problem. Corrective action will be labor intensive and expensive.

With the exception of Lost Mine Lake cleanup day, all improvements and maintenance is performed by the five Board members. Any help from our members would be very much appreciated.

The Board looks forward to another summer of members enjoying the lake.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns regarding Lost Mine Lake.

Doug Gloff, LML Supervisor  
Vice President of CSHA

### **Road Clean-up Day** **Saturday, April 22nd • 9 am**

Help welcome everyone to Cascade Shores!  
Grab your hat, gloves and sunscreen and join the Board Members picking up trash on Banner Quaker Hill.

### **Lost Mine Lake** **Clean-up Day** **Saturday, April 29 • 9 am**

Taking care of our Lost Mine Lake property is all done by volunteers, your help in getting it ready for summer fun is appreciated.

Lunch will be served.

Please bring garden tools if you can: rakes, shovels, weed eaters, etc., and don't forget your gloves, a hat and sunscreen.

Call Doug at 530-470-8643 with any questions.

## Lost Mine Lake and Firehouse Party Rentals

2016 was a great year for private parties at the Lost Mine Lake Pavilion. Seven different groups reserved LML for their private events ranging from retreats to birthday parties to baby showers to affinity group get-togethers!

Also in 2016, the Firehouse was made available for private functions like meetings, gatherings and parties. A child's 1st birthday party was held at the Firehouse this past fall.

Rentals are affordable and available to both CSHA members and non members as follows:

### **Lost Mine Lake:**

#### **CSHA Members:**

\$75.00 full day    \$37.50 half day    Deposit \$50.00

#### **Non Members:**

\$100.00 full day    \$50.00 half day    Deposit \$50.00

### **Firehouse:**

#### **CSHA Members:**

\$40 full day    \$30 8 hours    \$20 4 hours    Deposit \$50

#### **Non Members:**

\$60 full day    \$45 8 hours    \$30 4 hours    Deposit \$100

Now is the time to think about your private party needs for the summer and fall season and reserve your date. Call Thom Guzman rental scheduler at 530 264-7489 or e-mail him at [tguzmania@gmail.com](mailto:tguzmania@gmail.com) to reserve your date. You can download the rental agreements on our web site at [cascadeshores.org](http://cascadeshores.org).

## Call for CSHA Board of Director's Members

It's time to think about joining your Cascade Shores Homeowners Association Board of Directors! This is an excellent opportunity to become an active leader in your organization by serving on the board. The Board is looking for additional CSHA members to join the board for a one year term, beginning on April 1, 2017. We invite you to consider joining the board to help us make Cascade Shores the best it can be.

If you are interested in serving on the board, please e-mail CSHA board secretary Thom Guzman at [tguzmania@gmail.com](mailto:tguzmania@gmail.com)

If you have any questions, please e-mail or call Thom at 530 264-7489!

# Neighborhood Watch

Benefits of a Neighborhood Watch Program here in Cascade Shores

1. Watching for suspicious activity by you and your neighbors, together with our sheriff, creates a greater sense of security, well-being, and reduction of fear of crime because you and your neighbors will “look out for each other”. Our sheriff’s department is limited in their available manpower.... your help by adding eyes, ears, and even noses by your involvement in Neighborhood Watch.

2. Neighborhood Watch reduces the risk of your home being burglarized, and the instances of other crimes such as vandalism, graffiti, and personal crimes.

3. Getting to know your neighbors is an important benefit. You get to know participants regular patterns so you can see when something is unusual. You have their contact information so you can contact them quickly. Being aware of the goings-on in your neighborhood is not invading anyone’s privacy or snooping, it is guarding against trouble or any situation which could be dangerous to your neighborhood. We look out for each other.

4. Neighborhood Watch Participants will be better informed of crime trends, and specifically, crime occurring in their neighborhood. They will then be better prepared to spot criminal activity, report it, and have it stopped by the sheriff.

5. Posting Neighborhood Watch signs in the neighborhood and having decals in your windows tell a criminal that (a) you are not an easy target, that (b) they are probably being watched and (c) you have taken the steps necessary to deter crime in your neighborhood. Convicted burglars report avoiding neighborhoods that have Neighborhood Watch signs posted.

6. We open up lines of communication between each other to not only address crime prevention, but also fire prevention, and other topics of importance that affect our neighborhood.

## **HOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WORKS**

Participation by you in Neighborhood Watch is entirely voluntary. We are not spying on each other, and turning each other in for code enforcement issues or private matters. We are not even rooming the streets doing security patrols. We are simply watching and listening for suspicious behavior in the conduct of our normal routines. If something does not seem right, first we [www.cascadeshores.org](http://www.cascadeshores.org)

contact our neighbor to make sure everything is OK, and if not we call the sheriff and report the suspicious activity. Will the sheriff always respond? Not necessarily. The sheriff will decide on a case by case basis. Finally, your block captain should be informed so that they can disseminate what is happening in the neighborhood, that way all participants are aware and informed.

**Number 1 Rule:** We are not law enforcement. We never put ourselves in harm’s way by confronting anyone. We only report suspicious activity that we observe to the sheriff.

## **How you can help**

So far we have 7 block captains. If you are not currently participating in neighborhood watch and would like to, please contact Larry Marvin at [ljmm3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljmm3@sbcglobal.net) and I will get you in touch with your block captain if your street has one. We need more block captains so that we can have coverage in more areas of Cascade Shores. The job is not difficult. If interested contact Larry Marvin at [ljmm3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljmm3@sbcglobal.net) and I will let you know what is involved.

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

SHERIFF:	
Reporting: .....	265-7880
Emergency: .....	911
CHP: .....	273-4415
NARCOTICS: .....	265-4178
ANIMAL CONTROL: .....	273-2179
WILDLIFE RESCUE: .....	432-5522
FIRE: .....	273-2179
BURN DAY: .....	268-1023
CODE COMPLIANCE: .....	265-1222
ILLEGAL DUMPING: .....	265-7111
COUNTY INFORMATION: .....	211
FISH & WILDLIFE: .....	916-445-0045
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: .....	265-1480
AT&T TELEPHONE OUTAGE: .....	611
PG&E POWER OUTAGE: .....	1-888-723-4743
SUBURBAN PROPANE: .....	273-6113
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Emergency	
(Normal Business Hours 8am - 5pm): ...	273-6185
Emergency	
(Weekends, After Hours): .....	273-3346
COMCAST SERVICE CENTER: .....	800-824-2000

# Join CSHA!

## YOUR \$100 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- ✓ Use of **LOST MINE LAKE**  
Picnics, BBQ, kid's fishing, volleyball, swings, lake trail, swimming!
- ✓ **PROPANE DISCOUNT with Suburban Propane**  
Currently \$2.46 a gallon for members instead of \$3.71 a gallon retail (February, 2017)!
- ✓ **FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS**  
Fridays in July at the Firehouse!
- ✓ **POTLUCK BBQ's**  
Every week in July at Lost Mine Lake! Bring something to share and your own meat to grill and join us! Everyone is welcome.
- ✓ **FAMILY PICNIC**  
Each August at Lost Mine Lake, sponsored in part by Suburban Propane!
- ✓ **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**  
Each summer at the Firehouse!
- ✓ **RENTAL DISCOUNT**  
Rent Lost Mine Lake Pavilion area for your private events!
- ✓ **RENTAL DISCOUNT**  
Rent the Firehouse meeting room for your private events!
- ✓ **NEWSLETTER** Twice a year!
- ✓ Exclusive **FACEBOOK** group page for updates!
- ✓ Cascade Shores **WEB SITE** with up to date information!
- ✓ **COLLECTIVE VOICE** with county officials!
- ✓ **ASSISTANCE** with code enforcement, fire safety, and defensible space

## ENHANCED SECURITY PATROL MEMBERSHIPS ALSO RECEIVE:

- ✓ Weekly on-site foot inspections of your vacation or weekend home! (\$75/Year).
- ✓ Weekly drive way inspection of your permanent residence (\$50/Year)

Annual Memberships are valid from April 1 to March 31 upon payment of dues.

*We look forward to working together to make Cascade Shores the best it can be!*

# Evacuation Suggestions For Residents Without Transportation

When an evacuation order is given, can everyone get out? What about the elderly, the handicapped, or those without immediate access to a vehicle? It's a scary thought to be stuck in your house with a fire bearing down on you.

After consulting with CalFire and the Nevada County Sheriff's Office, the Cascade Shores Firewise Committee suggests the following:

1. Make yourself and your transportation needs known to neighbors (more than one is better) who you feel you can depend upon. Ask them to check on you in the event of an emergency so that they may help you to get out. Assistance from a friend or neighbor is your best option.
2. As a last resort, call 911 and ask for an emergency evacuation. If 911 is clogged, try calling 211, the County resource line that provides services to the disabled. Make sure that you have a reflective house number sign posted at the end of your driveway.

Contrary to the opinion of some people, "lists" of disabled people are not maintained by the Sheriff. Such a list would be too fluid and subject to constant change. However, it is the Sheriff's Department that is the lead agency for Cascade Shores evacuations. Specific questions can be directed to them.

The Emergency Notification System will be activated when an evacuation is declared. This sends a recorded message to any AT&T land line phone. Phones with other carriers and cell phones must be registered for local emergency notifications. Do so by going to [mynevadacounty.com](http://mynevadacounty.com) and look for the Office of Emergency Services "CodeRED" link. If you do not have the "Emergency Preparedness & Evacuation Guide" for Cascade Shores, you may order a copy from our Fire Safe contact person by calling Jan at 265-2435. Additional fire safety information can be found at [areyoufiresafe.com](http://areyoufiresafe.com) from the Nevada County Fire Safe Council.

Cascade Shores Firewise Committee

For more information on upcoming events in Cascade shores go to the web site, [www.cascadeshores.org](http://www.cascadeshores.org), and click on the **Calendar link**.

# Scott's Flat Reservoir Fuels Treatment Plan

NID is currently working on a fuel reduction treatment plan involving 82 acres along Pasquale Road, the NID access road to the dam, and the other side of the dam near the powerhouse. Dense understory vegetation and small diameter trees are being thinned to mitigate the fire danger and to protect NID properties. This project was originally suggested in the "Cascade Shores Community Wildfire Hazard Assessment" a few years ago. In addition to giving us some fire protection on our western flank, the completed plan will open up a safer route across the dam for fire crews and equipment coming into Cascade Shores. More information about this treatment plan will be available soon.

Nyshea King, Manager of the project, will speak at our Annual Meeting, April 1, at 1:00 PM. Please attend and bring along any questions or concerns you may have.

Cascade Shores Homeowners Board of Directors

## Security Patrol

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank board members Larry Marvin, Andrew Guevel and Doug Gloff for substituting for me from mid-December through the end of January as we were out of the country. I appreciate their willingness to venture out during all kinds of weather and make sure the CSHA members



Tom Bennett

who have purchased the enhanced membership continued to have weekly inspections on their homes.

As you know, each week, I inspect CSHA members' homes for those who have purchased the "Enhanced Membership" package to make sure they are locked and haven't had any storm damage, water leaks, break-ins, or bear damage. I typically walk around the entire house and onto decks to make sure there aren't any open windows or doors. When I see something out of the ordinary, I contact the home owner to inquire and inform.

Winter has been exceptionally hard on Cascade Shores this year. We will likely surpass 100" of rainfall for the first time in recent memory and we have even seen a few significant snowfalls to boot. Heavy winds have wreaked havoc on many of our beautiful trees. While making [www.cascadeshores.org](http://www.cascadeshores.org)

my rounds, I noticed lots of tree branches have fallen onto the decks, walks and yards of the homes which I visit. Rest assured if any of them appear to have caused damage to your enhanced membership home, you will be notified. As spring approaches, consider spending a weekend at your weekend or vacation home to clean up the debris before fire season starts. Everyone will benefit from fire-safe homes! Remember, burn permits are usually required to burn debris after June 1st. So winter and spring are the best seasons to clean up the yard and burn the piles!

From time to time, I am stopped by residents wanting to discuss issues that concern them, like people stealing mail out of our mailboxes, off-road vehicles being driven on our residential streets, offensive noise levels from unruly neighbors, alarms going off on unoccupied homes, suspicious activity occurring at a neighboring house, dogs not on leashes, or excessive speeding on our streets. When these issues occur, please contact the appropriate Nevada County authorities. They have the legal authority to respond and act. Their phone numbers are:

### **Law enforcement:**

Nevada County Sheriff's Office – 530 265-7880

### **Animal Control:**

Nevada County Animal Control – 530 273-2179

If you are interested in having us visit your house weekly, check out the CSHA web site: [www.cascadeshores.org](http://www.cascadeshores.org) and click on Security Patrol on the left side of the screen. The "Authorization for Security Patrol Inspections" form is located there. Enhanced Membership is an affordable \$75 a year for on-site foot inspection of your home (April 1 to March 31). There is also a drive by inspection option for full time residents. When I'm on my rounds, please say hi. If you have any questions regarding CSHA Security Patrol, please call me at 530 264-7489 or email me at [tbennitoia@gmail.com](mailto:tbennitoia@gmail.com). Looking forward to seeing you in the Shores!

Tom Bennett, CSHA Security Patrol person

### **Support The Fire Safe Council**

The Fire Safe Council is a non-profit, local volunteer organization dedicated to making Nevada County safer from catastrophic wildfire through fire prevention education, fire break clearing projects and creating Firewise Communities.

Help support our mission to educate others by making a donation today.

# Waste Management Breakthrough

For a long time, the Nevada County Fire Safe Council has been trying to start a cooperative relationship with our local disposal service, Waste Management. The idea has been to see if WM could up its game in communicating and providing services that would help us to remove dangerous debris from our properties.

The lobby effort seems to be paying off with the installation of a new Waste Management Regional Manager. We were told that our OPEN LETTER (from two years ago!) “helped to push them over the edge to actually do something.” So... watch for fire safety information and disposal ideas from WM and in your bills.

Don't let WM backslide on its promise, so call on them when you need help and mention our fire risk. Here's a copy of our “break through” OPEN LETTER from the Cascade Shores Fire Safe Committee:

## **AN OPEN LETTER TO WASTE MANAGEMENT**

The Waste Management invoice states: “From everyday collection to environmental protection, Think Green. Think Waste Management.” Entering our fourth year of drought and facing what may be our most dangerous and destructive fire season on record, we wonder what role WM plays in “environmental protection.” For a very wooded and dry Nevada County, the threat of fire has got to be our biggest environmental concern. In our opinion, we need a stronger relationship with WM to reduce our fire risks and gain a higher level of “environmental protection.”

All over the county, Firewise committees are working hard to get the word out about fire safety and the need to clear properties of overgrowth and dry debris. It's a daunting and difficult task to get the required 100 feet

of “defensible space” and to keep up with the constant deadfall from so many trees. People burn and/or haul away lots of this combustible waste. However, permitted burn days have decreased and dump fees at the Landfill have increased. People are squeezed more than ever and left without good alternatives to keep up with this waste disposal.

To its credit, WM does offer a 90-gal. “green waste” can that is picked up biweekly and has large capacity containers for big jobs. However, the information about these services is hardly visible, and WM makes very little effort to describe how it might become a better partner in using its potential to mitigate the fire danger and to help people remove dangerous debris in more effective ways. After all, WM has the regular road routes, has the trucks and equipment, and manages the McCourtney Landfill. How can these advantages be leveraged into a more comprehensive program to help people to clean out combustible waste?

Our Firewise committees, supported by the Fire Safe Council, cannot make a substantial impact in reducing wildfire risks without the help of obvious partners. We require more aggressive enforcement from fire officials as well as more services in the overall clean-up and management of our forests. We would like to invite Waste Management to enter a discussion with us on this subject. Please contact Joanne Drummond from the Nevada County Fire Safe Council so that a meeting can be arranged with representatives from the Firewise committees.

Time is ticking down to a potentially horrible fire season. Let us work together to see what we can do to actually achieve greater “environmental protection.”

Cascade Shores Firewise Committee

## **CSHA Annual Meeting at the Firehouse Saturday, April 1 • 1 pm**

Meet your neighbors and CSHA Board Members and hear what's going on in Cascade Shores. This year's speakers are Nyshea King from NID, Manager of the Scott's Flat Reservoir Fuels Treatment Plan, and a representative from CalFire. They will address your concerns and answer questions.

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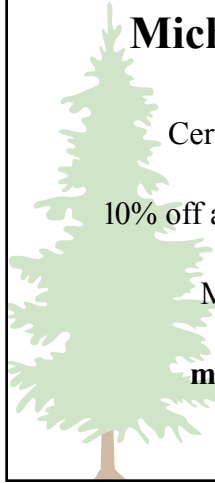
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## **Advertise with CSHA**

To list your business on CascadeShores.org and in print in the Cascade Shores

newsletter (twice a year),

contact Larry Marvin at **530-478-1095**

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# ***Cascade Shores Homeowner's 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.

## ***Current CSHA Board Members***

<b>President;</b> Roads	<b>Harry Wander</b>	hjwander@comcast.net	530-265-0884
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<b>Security Patrol,</b> Membership Committee	<b>Tom Bennett</b>	tbennitoia@gmail.com	530-264-7489
<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Andrew Guevel</b>	akguevel@comcast.net	530-265-2435

Association members are welcome to attend CSHA Board Meetings. Members who wish to present issues to the board shall so advise the President by 3 days prior to the meeting. Participation by CSHA Members in the board discussions is welcomed. Come meet your neighbors and help us to make Cascade Shores a welcoming place to live.