



# Cascade Connections

CSHA Newsletter • Fall 2018

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## President's Message

Last Fall I wrote in this Newsletter about a major problem we were having with the sand and gravel coming down the drainage ditch from Gas Canyon Road. I wrote about how fortunate we were that the LaFrancois family donated their time and equipment and cleaned out the ditch. Hope was expressed that the problem would not recur. Unfortunately, the same thing happened last winter and the ditch was again full of gravel. Sean O'Brien cleaned out the ditch with his backhoe. He also dug the ditches for some electrical lines which had to be replaced.

One of our Homeowners Association members told me that he happened to walk up the drainage ditch towards the end of a major rainstorm last Spring. He noticed that there was no water coming out of the 12-inch drainage pipe that goes under Gas Canyon road, but instead lots of water was coming down around the pipe. It was obvious that the pipe was clogged up with rocks and debris and that sand and gravel was washing out from around the pipe. I talked with the Nevada County Road Department and pointed out that there was a real danger that if enough sand and gravel washed out the pipe under the road would collapse. They have since cleaned out the pipe. We again have high hopes that the problem will not recur this winter. This incident shows how important it is for members to bring problems they observe to the attention of the members of the Board of Directors.

We are trying a new solution to the lake's bladder wort problem. Doug Gloff has done a superb job of being the lead mover on this project, which is well detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. Andrew Guevel put in many hours helping him with the installation of the equipment. Gary Hoover was able to save us a lot of money on the purchase of the equipment. Lost Mine Lake has never looked so good this late in the year, as far as any of us can remember.

Our membership is high. There were again a nice number of rentals of the facilities this year. There were also some very appreciated cash contributions by members. These factors have helped immensely to cover the costs of maintaining and improving our beautiful recreation area.

Of great importance also has been the work contributed by

various members of the organization. The turnout for the cleanup day was excellent. These labor contributions have been very much appreciated by the Board of Directors.

We still have vacancies on the Board of Directors and regretfully will soon have more. Thomas Guzman is moving to Ecuador. Thom has likewise done a superb job as Secretary and managing the rentals and with many other tasks. Larry Marvin, Treasurer, is soon moving to South Carolina. Larry has done a superb job as Treasurer and has been a great help in many other ways. Thomas Bennett, Security Patrol, is also moving to Ecuador. They will all be sorely missed. Elizabeth Kellar has volunteered to be a Director and will be taking over the Security Patrol billet.

The Board of Directors is authorized in the Bylaws to have 9 members and will soon have only 6. If any members are interested in contributing to the management and welfare of the CSHA, please contact myself or any of the other directors. Our phone numbers are on our website.

Planning is underway for our annual Christmas dinner and I hope to see many of you there.

Harry Wander, President, CSHA

### The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association

*Cordially Invites You*

### 2018 Christmas Dinner Get Together

**WHERE:** *Northern Queen Inn*

*Trolley Junction Dining Room  
400 Railroad Avenue, Nevada City*

**WHEN:** *Saturday, Dec 1st at 6:00 pm*

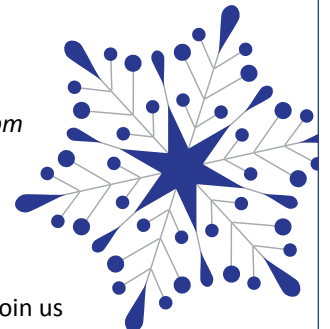
**WHAT:** *Dinner, beer, wine, dessert,  
tax and tip*

**COST:** *\$35 per person*

**Details will arrive via email the**

**first of November.** Make plans to join us for this fun event being held on a Saturday evening to encourage our weekend residents to attend!

*We look forward to seeing you there!*



# Lost Mine Lake Fall 2018

The summer of 2018 has been a very productive year at Lost Mine Lake with the completion of the painting of the buildings, the great turn out from our members for clean-up day and starting aeration of the lake to inhibit the bladder wort weed problem.

The Board has made a commitment to address the continuing weed problem in the lake that becomes more aggressive as summer progresses. We have installed equipment to improve clarity of the lake. The installation of bubbler heads around the lake provides oxygen for healthy water. We have run 230V electrical to the pump house to power the air pump which will run 24 hours. An air line was installed to the water to power the bubbler heads and is now operational with 3 heads which required all of the weighted line [500 feet] that we initially purchased. Several individuals have commented that the 3 bubbler heads have made an improvement in the appearance of LML in their limited area. We have 5 more heads to install next spring.

In addition to the pump house, the kitchen has also had code compliant electrical sub panel installed by a licensed electrical contractor.

We have been very fortunate that one of our HOA members, Gary Hoover, is in the business of lake maintenance and has given a deep discount for the equipment. To complete the installation of the 5 heads, the cost has been estimated at \$3,000. The airlines are \$1 a foot and weighted which is expensive to ship; keeping in mind that the lake has many contours which will require many feet of tubing and to cover any additional installation/security materials.

The Board is asking that anyone would be so kind as to make a contribution to the Board's appeal for \$3,000 additional funds for the LML aeration project. Any amount is appreciated.

We know this is a great deal of money to request, but the Board is confident that this will provide a long term means of improving water quality at LML for the whole summer season. Any contribution will help the HOA not strain funds for the normal operating expenses. It may also provide a better lake for the next generation.

Please understand the \$3,000 is for materials only. All of the labor; with the exception of electrical and backhoe work, has been and will be performed by Board members. This has been and is a major project, that holds the promise of a clear, swimmable lake even in August.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their support and labor which has been substantial. A special thanks to my fellow Board member, Andrew Guevel. Without his help, this project would still be in the planning stage.

Please give what you can and if you can't; have fun at Lost Mine Lake!

Doug Gloff, Vice President CSHA, LML Supervisor



The first 3 bubblers hard at work in Lost Mine Lake



Board Members repainting the bathrooms at Lost Mine Lake



Cascade Shores residents enjoying one of the summer BBQs at Lost Mine Lake hosted by the Homeowners Association



# Did You Know? It's The Law

Governor Brown recently toured the burned out neighborhoods in the Redding area. Talking about fire safety and prevention, he said that “government couldn’t do it all.” He’s right! There’s an element of personal responsibility that cannot be ignored.

That “personal responsibility” is summed up in a law that’s been on the books since 2005. It’s Public Resources Code Section 4291. It states that a person who “owns” or “controls” a “building or structure” must “maintain defensible space of 100 feet from each side and from the front and rear of the structure, but not beyond the property line...” Yes, it’s a California State Law enforceable by our fire officials.

We encounter people who don’t know this as a “law,” who think defensible space is a “good idea” or some kind of “recommendation.” Or maybe it’s just a thoughtful “guideline.” Are you one of those people?

The confusion is understandable when the efforts to get the word out about 4291 seem so spotty and less than forceful. We often hear just the words “defensible space” but scant mention that it is a law, or background information, or good advice on how to achieve legal compliance. The Firewise communities are encouraging County officials and others to shine a stronger light on this lapse. New residents shouldn’t have to wait around to find out about this law when it could be too late to make a difference.

The logic behind 4291 should be made clearer. The point is that we don’t have to be sitting ducks, powerless to improve our risks in a wildfire. We can take matters into our own hands by cleaning up, clearing away deadfall, and rooting out those fire footholds on our properties that can become the source of a new fire. Also, driveways need to be open enough for access by a fire engine. Keep in mind just one fact: half the houses that burn in wildfires are not lost to the front of the fire, but to the flying embers that blow off the main fire event. In other words, a big fire might be stopped well before reaching your property, but your place could still burn if vulnerable to these embers. Creating defensible space is your ace up the sleeve in saving your home.

When cars started to be outfitted with seat belts, we were “recommended” to use them. When the mandatory seat belt law took effect in California in 1986, compliance with the law began to soar especially with the addition of widespread advertising and public safety appeals. Since then, seat belts have saved thousands of lives because

people understood their value and took responsibility. We all have seen the “Click-it or Ticket” signs on our highways. Maybe we need a similar highway campaign for the subject of defensible space law.

If we all followed the defensible space law, many lives would also be saved. Having defensible space may be the reason you get out alive in a wildfire as well as making the difference in saving your house.

Understand that 80% of the houses lost in the devastating 49er fire did not have the required defensible space. In our “new normal” of more dangerous than ever mega fires, there should be no room for incomplete information. All of us need to recognize that THE LAW IS THE LAW and to “take responsibility” in the same way we have with seat belts.

The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County has been working for years to get out the whole story about PRC 4291 and what the “defensible space” law means in our heavily wooded area. The Council provides information and resources. If you are in doubt about what meets the letter of the law on your property, you can contact the Council and have a trained volunteer make a free home visit to help you with fire safety ideas. See [areyoufiresafe.com](http://areyoufiresafe.com) and/or call the office at 530-272-1122. For the services of a Cascade Shores volunteer or for any questions about wildfire safety, call our Committee contact, Jan, at 530-265-2435.

Cascade Shores Firewise Committee, October 2018

## For more information about fire safety go to [www.AreYouFireSafe.com](http://www.AreYouFireSafe.com)

### Learn about:

- Defensible Space • Ember Instruction
- Firewise Plants • Road Standards • Fire Safety Tips
- Scotch Broom Challenge • Local Contractors
- Fire Safe Council Programs
- Download our Chipping Form
- Order a Reflective Safety Sign
- Order a Heavy Duty Fire Retardant Tarp
- Become a Member • And Much More

## CODE RED ALERTS-COUNTY SIGN-UPS

The Nevada County OES, Office of Emergency Services, has a Code Red alert system that you can sign up for. **CodeRED** sends alerts to your mobile device via text message if an emergency is happening in your neighborhood. Go to [www.cascadeshores.org](http://www.cascadeshores.org) and click on the [fire-safe-council-fire-safety](#) link for more information.

# Your Most Important Evacuation Device

It's overlooked and under-discussed. Yes, it's the common, everyday flashlight! The specter of a nighttime evacuation is really scary as we have seen in many places such as Napa and Redding.

In a wildfire event, the power may be out. And now we are finding out that PG&E will shut down power to areas in extreme fire threat conditions. If you have had much experience with Cascade Shores, you also know to be prepared for winter power outages due to storms.

A mad scramble to escape your house will not go well in the dark. We suggest that there be at least one good flashlight per person in your house, at the ready year-round. (Better yet, how about hands-free head lamps?) This means a periodic check to make sure that batteries have not run down. You will simply not be able to gather up your essential things and evacuate safely without being able to see.

There is the story of the Bay Area teen who visited friends in Cascade Shores. She woke up in the middle of the night, screaming. It turns out that she thought she had gone blind, not being able to see one thing in the dark house. That's how dark it can be in Cascade Shores! And with a power outage, it will be coal black, dark for all of us. So unless you have some back-up power source such as a generator, the common flashlight may be your most essential emergency device.

So... do yourself a favor and take a few minutes to review your flashlight readiness.

And if you think how hard it can be to navigate in the dark, think about how difficult it may be for first responders to find you in the pitch dark of Cascade Shores – even with GPS. That's why every house needs to have "approved address numbers placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street." That's State Law enshrined in California Fire Code Section 505.1. Those "approved" address signs are available for \$40.00 from the Fire Safe Council located in Grass Valley. They are metal, with reflective numbers on each side, ready to install at the entrance to your driveway. You can order by calling the Council's office at 530-272-1122.

Please remember that even a few minutes of lost time in an emergency response can make the difference between life and death.

Cascade Shores Firewise Committee, October 2018

# AirMedCare Network

As a community service your local Air Ambulance offers an annual membership with the largest air ambulance membership program in the United States, AirMedCare Network, which covers your entire Cascade Shores household, for only \$65 per year.

## Emergency Membership Benefits:

- No out of pocket expenses when transported by AMCN provider
- Network 320 bases in 38 US states, including Alaska and Hawaii.
- Includes your local air ambulance providers CALSTAR and REACH
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**To Enroll Contact:** Sonja Conklin - 530-648-6455

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[www.airmedcarenetwork.com/msm/sonja-conklin](http://www.airmedcarenetwork.com/msm/sonja-conklin)



## We Need You!

The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association has been in existence for over 50 years because of the commitment from members to lead the organization and work toward the betterment of our neighborhood. Without a dedicated and committed board, very little can be accomplished each year. If you have been thinking about serving on the Board of Directors to help improve Cascade Shores, **NOW IS THE TIME!** If you have any questions or are interested in serving on the board, please e-mail or call any CSHA board member. You can find board member contact information on the last page of this newsletter or on the website.

Many thanks to the CSHA Board of Directors, Harry Wander, Larry Marvin, Doug Gloff, Andrew Guevel, Leslie Grassi and Thom Guzman for their dedication to the Cascade Shores Homeowners Association.

[www.cascadeshores.org](http://www.cascadeshores.org)

# Security Patrol

Well, after nearly four years as CSHA's security patrol person, it is time to say goodbye. I officially ended my duties on September 30th. Liz Keller is now providing this service to CSHA members who purchased the enhanced membership. Please say hi to her when you see her out and about.



Tom Bennett

Please remember that security patrol is not law enforcement.

If you have issues like or concerns 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, 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: 530/265-1471

Animal Control

Nevada County Animal Control: 530/273-2179

If you are interested in having security patrol visit your house weekly, check out the CSHA website: [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 a weekly inspection of your home (April 1 to March 31). Here is a quick summary of what CSHA Security Patrol provides for "Enhanced Membership" CSHA members:

### Weekend/Vacation home owners:

A weekly inspection of your vacation/weekend home and timely contact if something is amiss.

### Permanent resident home owners:

Twice-weekly inspection of your permanent residence while you are on vacation, if requested. A weekly drive by inspection of your permanent residence.

It has been a pleasure serving as CSHA's security patrol person. The best part was getting to meet a lot of new people. As you read this newsletter, we will be living in Ecuador! Adios!

Tom Bennett  
Retired CSHA Security Patrol Person

# Goodbye

## Until We Meet Again!

On October 24, Tom and I will embark on a new adventure and migrate to Cuenca, Ecuador. It has been a lifelong dream of mine to live in a Spanish speaking foreign country. We both decided that if we did not do it now, we probably never would.

The past 4 and a half years have been a grand opportunity to meet many new friends and create some wonderful lasting relationships. It was also great to reconnect with my friends from when I lived in Cascade Shores in the late 1970's and 1980's. To return and live in the house my Dad and I built for nearly five years was priceless. To finally sell it after 40 years, was melancholy.

But a new adventure has just begun. We will visit Cascade Shores from time to time as we have lots of great friends here. Hopefully, if you are curious about why we chose Ecuador, perhaps you will make a visit so we can show you.

God Speed and best wishes for 2019 and beyond!

Thom Guzman, Secretary CSHA  
Tom Bennett, Security Patrol CSHA

## Lost Mine Lake and Firehouse Party Rentals

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

Lost Mine Lake:	CSHA Members			
	Full Day	Deposit	Half Day	Deposit
Under 50 people	\$85	\$50	\$45	\$50
51 to 75 people	\$100	\$75	\$65	\$75
76 or more people	\$125	\$100	\$85	\$100
Non Members	Full Day	Deposit	Half Day	Deposit
	Under 50 people	\$125	\$100	\$85
51 to 75 people	\$200	\$150	\$135	\$150
76 or more people	\$325	\$200	\$220	\$200
Firehouse*:	CSHA Members			
	Full Day	8 Hours	4 Hours	Deposit
	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$50
Non Members	Full Day	8 Hours	4 Hours	Deposit
	\$60	\$45	\$30	\$100

\*As per the Fire Marshall, capacity at Firehouse is 49 people!

Now is the time to think about your private party needs for next year and reserve your date. Call Leslie Grassi rental scheduler at 530/478-0386 or email her at [lesgrassi@yahoo.com](mailto:lesgrassi@yahoo.com) to reserve your date. You can download the rental agreements from our website at [cascadeshores.org](http://cascadeshores.org).

# Service Provider List

## Randall's Computer Service

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Call to enroll in AMCN's Fly-U-Home Membership covers 48 continuous US states, hospital to hospital for recuperation transport, covers ground and air transport, 24/7 medical services hotline and even transport of mortal remains.

## 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**

or email at **ljmm3@sbcglobal.net**.

Member price is \$15 per year;

non-member price is \$20 per year.



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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; Roads</b>	<b>Harry Wander</b>	hjwander@comcast.net	530-264-7359
<b>Vice President; Lost Mine Lake Supervisor</b>	<b>Doug Gloff</b>	dgloff12@hotmail.com	530-470-8643
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<b>Board Member; Lost Mine Lake Assistant</b>	<b>Andrew Guevel</b>	akguevel@comcast.net	530-264-5020
<b>Board Member; Newsletter, Website, Lost Mine Lake Rental Contact</b>	<b>Leslie Grassi</b>	lesgrassi@yahoo.com	530-478-0386

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.

### 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.