



Cascade Connections

CSHA Newsletter • Fall 2020

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President's Message

The Cascade Shores Homeowners' Association continues to do well. We have 136 members, somewhat below last year's 156. However, we often get some additional members as the cold weather sets in and people see how much money they can save on their propane bill, currently about 60%. Membership is very important, as maintaining and improving our Lost Mine Lake facility requires significant cash flow.

Last year I reported that Kent Rees, Doug Gloff, and I had met with the Consolidated Fire Chief concerning having a fire alarm system. Some other homeowner's associations had been doing so as well. Other agencies were also involved. Each patrol car now has an additional European style siren, so the specific neighborhood involved can be alerted, instead of a generalized, broad area alarm. The present Code Red system will continue. Vice-President Doug Gloff and Andrew Guevel have spent a great many hours maintaining and improving our Lost Mine Lake property. We owe them a huge debt

of gratitude. The details of what has been done will be in Doug's Lost Mine Lake report.

Another person to whom we owe a debt of thanks is Jim LeFrancois. He has done a lot of backhoe work at Lost Mine Lake, thus saving the association a significant amount of money.

Thanks are due the many home owners who have done a great job of improving the fire safety of their property. Not only does it improve the fire safety for themselves and their neighbors, but it helps continue our designation as a Firewise Community. Some insurance companies give a premium reduction because of this designation.

Many members have contributed time and/or money to the association during this fiscal year. Due to the Corona virus we were unable to have a Thank You picnic this year. Instead, their names are listed below as a Thank You from the Board of Directors.

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To All of Our Volunteers and Donors

Thank You

This year, due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold our annual volunteer and donor appreciation picnic but we wanted to make sure we recognized everyone who helps us make Cascade Shores such an inviting place to live. Volunteers and donors help us in many ways including making Lost Mine Lake the true gem that it is, and supporting the efforts of the Firewise Committee. **Thank You all!**

*Terry Anthanasopulos • Judy Barlow • Thomas & Michele Blais • Dave & Cherie Bogart
Paul & Judi Booth • Ron & Joanne Breeden • Michael Cotton • Ray Darby • Barbara & John Deveer
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Roy & Dorothy Leighton • Gregory Lester • Anne Merdinger • Gregory Moore
James and Tricia Pellegrino • Rod Perry • Sam & Kathleen Porter • Kent & Anna Rees
Mark Schlesinger • Robin & Maryke Williams*

President's Report continued...

Also, because of the Corona virus, we have regretfully cancelled our annual Christmas party.

We still have 3 vacant positions on the Board of Directors. If any of you are interested in taking a more active role in the organization, please talk to me or another Board member. It means attending a Board meeting once a month and helping with the projects which occasionally arise. You do not need to wait for the annual election, as we can always make interim appointments.

Have a great Thanksgiving feast, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Harry Wander, CSHA President

Treasurer's Corner

Opening fiscal-year cash balance at 4/1/2020 was \$4,440. Year-to-date (YTD) expenses through 9/30/2020 total \$11,440 and YTD deposits (primarily memberships) total \$21,080. Forecasted spending for the remainder of the fiscal year (through 3/31/2021) is estimated to be \$7,465 (for tree removal at Lost Mine Lake, insurance, utilities, and taxes). Forecasted fiscal year-end cash balance is estimated at \$6,600 (including an emergency reserve of \$4,000).

In addition to judicious spending, the Board continues to advocate for neighborhood safety and representation by 1) requesting the County install traffic-calming measures (stop signs and road markings) to slow traffic to and from Scott's Flat Lake, and 2) working with NID to provide a platform (Survey Monkey) for homeowners to weigh-in on their preferences for boating hours on the lake.

Cheryl Lester, CSHA Treasurer.

Lost Mine Lake Fall 2020

It has been a quiet summer season at Lost Mine Lake. The Board hosted 5 Thursday night BBQs that were lightly attended, but enjoyable.

We have replaced the kitchen floor and painting still needs to be performed on some of the buildings. There were also repairs made to the watering system. The hiking trail has been widened and appears to be a welcome improvement. New sand has been added to the beach and volleyball court.

The lake water quality and bladderwort weed reduction has been greatly improved as a result of last year's aeration project.

The lock was cut on the dumpster and trash added. After the responsible individual was identified he admitted his actions and made restitution. The kitchen was recently broken into damaging the locks and several items were stolen. There was an attempt to break into the tool shed, which was unsuccessful but the lock and door were damaged.

This fall there will be removal of an old tree that could pose a hazard in the future.

We are planning to add a new small building for storage next year.

Andrew Guevel and I will continue to improve the appearance and facilities of Lost Mine Lake to provide an enjoyable day for our members when they visit.

If anyone is interested in helping with projects at the lake, please let me know.

Doug Gloff, LML Supervisor
Vice President, CSHA



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!** We're looking for additional CSHA members to join the board beginning April 2021. If you are interested in serving on the board or have any questions, please call or e-mail any board member. Better yet, come to a board meeting held the 1st Wednesday of the month at the firehouse.

Security Report

I am the Home Monitoring Service provider to CSHA members who have purchased the enhanced membership, after taking over from Tom Bennett in September 2018. Please note, the association has changed the name of this service from "security patrol," in order to provide a more accurate term for the service I provide.

In the past, there has been some confusion because in some gated communities, there are paid security patrol officers who might be armed and who patrol frequently. My role, as a volunteer, is to provide a visual check of your property on a weekly basis. I do not "patrol" in a traditional sense, nor am I equipped to handle criminal activity.

I check on homes weekly to make sure that doors are secure and everything looks OK. 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. If necessary, I contact law enforcement.

I would highly encourage anyone who is not a permanent resident to sign up for Home Monitoring Service or at the very least, to join the association.

If you have issues or concerns like people stealing mail out of mailboxes, off-road vehicles being driven on our residential streets, offensive noise levels from unruly neighbors, alarms going off on unoccupied homes, suspicious activity at neighboring houses, 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:

Nevada County Sheriff's Office: 530/265-1471
Nevada County Animal Control: 530/273-2179

If you are interested in having me check your house weekly, check out the CSHA website: www.cascadeshores.org and click on Home Monitoring Service on the left side of the screen. The "Authorization for Home Monitoring Service" form is located there. Enhanced Membership is an affordable \$200 a year, which includes a weekly inspection of your home (April 1 to March 31). Here is a quick summary of what CSHA Home Monitoring Service 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.

www.cascadeshores.org

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.



Report From the Driveway: 2020 Community Yard Sale

This year we returned to a past version of the community yard sale that allows sellers to hold the sale at their own home. We printed maps showing the participating homes and placed them out in front of the firehouse for shoppers to pick up and it was a huge success. Twelve families participated in the sale and the feedback from shoppers and sellers was very positive, several mentioned how much fun they were having and I've received thank you e-mails from shoppers and sellers alike! I met several people from out of the area and they thought Cascade Shores was beautiful. One man drove 2 hours to be here!

With the advent of social media we were able to reach more shoppers and they were able to download the map to their devices through Next Door, Facebook and Craigslist. The more households on the map, the more compelling the advertising. We printed 200 maps and when the signs came down at 2:30 we were completely out of maps. Moving the sale to Labor Day Weekend may have also been a factor, and with the pandemic forcing us all to rethink traveling it was a great way to spend a Saturday, everyone was very considerate and wore masks.

I personally am inching my way to no longer needing to rent storage and plan to continue cleaning out the closets, loft and sheds. We would love to make next year's event an even bigger success and are considering making a few changes such as shortening the hours, several sellers mentioned that the sale slowed way down well before 1 pm.

Next year the sale will be on Saturday, September 4, so you too have all year to plan ahead and if you have any comments or suggestions e-mail us at cshayardsale@yahoo.com we would love to hear from you.

Good News from PG&E (for a change!)

As you know, our high voltage transmission lines in Cascade Shores are uninsulated and prone to breaking due to almost anything, including freezes and limb strikes. The tube-like sleeves that we see in many places show where past breaks have occurred. Line failures in dry weather can easily result in a wildfire.

Well, important changes are on the horizon. PG&E contractors have been surveying the lines in Cascade Shores and report that the current lines are scheduled to be replaced with INSULATED ones starting next summer. These heavier lines, more than one inch in diameter, will be supported by new, thicker poles that are fire resistant on the exterior. Plans also include the burying of the power lines in a section of the steep hill going out of the Shores.

All of this sounds ambitious, but a positive fire safety improvement for us if all things go according to plan. As per PG&E, we reside in what they call a “Tier 3” area which is the highest ranking given to wildfire vulnerable properties. As such, Cascade Shores is a priority neighborhood for the replacement of these dangerous power lines.

We’ve come a long way from the time when PG&E would routinely ignore concerns about their dangerous equipment and maintenance programs. Hopefully, we are entering a safer period so long as there is money and time enough to see us through increasingly scary fire seasons.

Cascade Shores Firewise Committee, October 2020

For more information about fire safety go to www.AreYouFireSafe.com

Learn about:

- Defensible Space • Ember Intrusion • Firewise Plants
- Road Standards • Fire Safe Council Programs
- Scotch Broom Challenge • Order a Reflective Safety Sign
- Fire Safety Tips • Order a Heavy Duty Fire Retardant Tarp
- Download our Chipping Form • Local Contractors • And 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 and click on the [fire-safe-council-fire-safety](#) link for more information.

What Has the Firewise Committee Been Up To?

- Put up seasonal fire safety signs throughout our community every year.
- Wrote many fire safety articles in our local newsletter.
- Use the “30-day clean-up notice” to motivate home owners.
- Held annual “education days” to inform the public.
- Hosted guest speakers on education days and at HOA events.
- Organized several AmeriCorps clean-up projects in our area.
- Lobbied for an evacuation alarm system which has now come to fruition.
- Distributed “welcome packets” with safety information to new residents.
- Organized several Scotch Broom pulls in affected neighborhoods.
- Coordinated a mock fire emergency training drill and followed up with letters to our most vulnerable residents.
- Canvassed neighborhoods for “dirty” properties, getting to know residents and their concerns.
- Conducted many “Defensible Space Advisory Visits.”
- Published and distributed a Cascade Shores Evacuation Guide.
- Set annual goals reflecting the priorities outlined in our Hazard Report.
- Shared our experiences with other Firewise Communities within the Coalition of Firewise Communities.
- Coordinated a fuel reductions program with NID, which provides safer emergency access over the dam.
- Appealed to the county for brush clearing on the steep hill and to PG&E for removal of dead trees.
- Maintain the information “red box” at the Cascade Shores General Store.

Your Hard Work Needs to be Counted PLEASE HELP!

Our Firewise Community must renew its standing each year in order to be re-certified.

Information programs, community meetings, and our advocacy efforts need to be documented for our application. However, an important part is the work that is being done on each property to improve fire safety, something that only the residents can claim. **We need your help to document what you have been doing so that we can complete our firewise renewal.**

We are simply asking for a rough estimate of your time and money spent.

Please take a few minutes to copy and complete this form and mail to:

Cascade Shores Fire Wise Committee
16528 Pasquale Road, Nevada City, CA 95959
or e-mail this information to CSHAFirewiseCmte@gmail.com

Tell us of your efforts for the time period of your own choosing:

_____ to _____
(month) (year) (month) (year)

Name _____

Address _____

Contact e-mail _____

Contact phone _____

Hours spent cleaning your property: Dry debris, limbing trees, felling dangerous trees, burning, hauling, trimming, chipping, etc.	
\$ spent cleaning your property including: Purchase of equipment, gasoline/other supplies, dump fees professional help, etc.	
\$ spent hardening or retrofitting your property to make it more fire resistant including: Enclosed gutters, hardscaping, safer roof, vents, screening, replacement windows/skylights, fire resistant siding, safer decks/rails, etc.	
Miles driven to complete any activity above	

2020-21 Calendar of Events

CSHA Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Firehouse.
June through September board meetings are held at Lost Mine Lake.

November 4	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Firehouse
December	- No Board Meeting in December - The CSHA Christmas Party has been cancelled -			
January 6	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Firehouse
February 3	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Firehouse
March 3	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Firehouse
April	- Spring Newsletter E-mailed -			
April 3	Saturday	Annual Meeting	12 pm	Firehouse
April 7	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Firehouse
May 5	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Firehouse
May 8	Saturday	Lost Mine Lake Clean-Up Day	9 am	Lost Mine Lake
June 2	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
June 24	Thursday	BBQ at the Lake	6 pm	Lost Mine Lake
July 7	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
July 8,22	Thursday	BBQs at the Lake	6 pm	Lost Mine Lake
August 4	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
August 5,19	Thursday	BBQs at the Lake	6 pm	Lost Mine Lake
September 1	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
September 4	Saturday	Community Yard Sale	8 am-1 pm	Your House
September 18	Saturday	Volunteer's Appreciation Picnic	4 pm	Lost Mine Lake
October	- Fall Newsletter E-mailed -			
October 6	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Firehouse
November 3	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Firehouse
	- No Board Meeting in December -			
December 4	Saturday	CSHA Christmas Party	6 pm	TBD

Your CSHA Membership Includes Propane Savings

Cascade Shores Homeowners' Association has preferred vendor pricing from Suburban Propane. Effective 3/1/2020, the pricing and the offerings from Suburban were refreshed as shown below:

- New competitive pricing (set at fixed margin of \$1.10 above Suburban's variable cost). For instance, the price on 8/29/20 was \$1.97 per gallon, compared to the non-member price of \$4.89 per gallon, that's a savings of 60%.
- First fill rate for new accounts = \$1.87 per gallon
- Same discounted pricing offered for automatic delivery and will-call.
- Annual tank rental fees for newly established accounts waived for two years (total savings of \$130.00)
Subsequent rental fees = \$65.00 per year.
- Reliable 7-10-day delivery window on will-call orders.
- Continued low delivery fees.

- Referral program offers 35 free gallons for each referral (no cap).
- Portable tanks and RVs filled at Suburban's Grass Valley location (12575 Charles Drive, Grass Valley) at the same discounted prices.

From January-October 2020 the average member propane pricing of \$2.18 was \$2.65 less than non-member pricing of \$4.83 (an average savings of 55%). The new competitive pricing will provide members an even bigger discount and the new offerings will make it easier to select Suburban as your propane vendor.

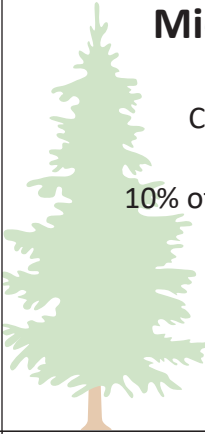
If you are a member of CSHA, but not a Suburban customer, call them at (530) 273-6113 to change over. They will come to your home, transfer any remaining propane in your existing tank to the Suburban tank, and set aside your old tank so that your old supplier can pick it up.

Service Provider List

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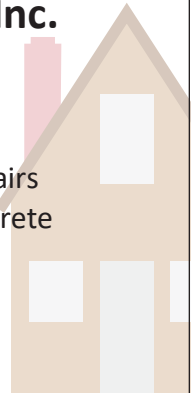
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Advertise with CSHA

To list your business on CascadeShores.org and in print in the Cascade Shores newsletter (twice a year), contact **Cheryl Lester at 408-656-9382** or email at **clester4300@aol.com**.
 Member price is \$25 per year;
 non-member price is \$30 per year.



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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.

Current CSHA Board Members 2020-21

President: Roads	Harry Wander	hwander@comcast.net	530-264-7359
Vice President: Lost Mine Lake Supervisor	Doug Gloff	dgloff12@hotmail.com	530-470-8643
Treasurer: Membership, Propane	Cheryl Lester	clester4300@aol.com	408-656-9382
Secretary: Newsletter, Website Liaison, Lost Mine Lake Rental Contact and Facebook	Leslie Grassi	lesgrassi@yahoo.com	530-478-0386
Home Monitoring Service	Liz Kellar	lkellar@hotmail.com	530-559-9269
Board Member: Lost Mine Lake Assistant	Andrew Guevel	akguevel@comcast.net	530-264-5020

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