



Cascade Connections

CSHA Newsletter • Fall 2021

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President's Report

The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association (CSHA) continues to do well. We have 134 members, somewhat below last year's 144. 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 54% of the non-member price. The money saved on one fill up is usually enough to more than pay for homeowner's annual dues. Membership is very important, as maintaining and improving our Lost Mine Lake facility requires significant cash flow.

Special thanks are due to the 27 members who contributed a total of \$1,571 in addition to their dues. This helps a great deal in the maintaining and improving our Lost Mine Lake facility.

Thanks are also due to the many homeowners 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 people have wanted to know what the Cascade Shores Homeowners Association has done for the community as a whole. I would like to mention some of those actions:

- In 1977 members Loyd and Dorothy Honey donated a parcel of land to the CSHA. The CSHA then raised enough money to build the firehouse. This land and the building were donated to the Consolidated Fire District on December 2, 1981. The firehouse is still functional, and the Consolidated Fire District maintains a fire truck there for local use if needed. It is one of the reasons Cascade Shores has been designated as a Firewise Community, which increases the safety of all of us and generates a reduction in the fire insurance premium by some companies.

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To All of Our Volunteers and Donors

Thank You

Again this year, due to the pandemic, we are 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!**

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President's Report continued...

- When I came here in 1993 the school bus stopped at the top of the big hill. Parents had to take their children up to the top of the hill to board the bus. The CSHA President, Robert Crabb, was able to convince the school district to have the bus come down to the store.
- Pasquale Road is narrow and winding. It used to be even worse. Kent Rees, myself and other board members met several times at various sites on the road with the Head of the Roads Department and other members. The road was subsequently widened to the extent possible. Further widening is difficult as land would have to be acquired from the owners via eminent domain.
- In 2006, when the County installed a big iron gate at the top of the big hill and proposed locking it during snowy weather, there was a big outcry from the community. The CSHA hosted meeting officials from the Roads Department at the firehouse. It was so well attended that not all attendees could get into the building. The result was the removal of the gate and its supporting structures.
- The CSHA has hosted several gatherings of community members for educational sessions on fire safety. They were always well attended.
- In 2018 the County proposed putting a sewer leach field in an area that was unsafe and would have endangered even more homes than those already damaged by a landslide. The CSHA actively cooperated with local homeowners in getting the project stopped.

We 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 with 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 to join, as we can make interim appointments.

At Sutter Health Medical Foundation I Chair the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and am a member of the Health Maintenance Committee and the Vaccine Committee. We have extensively reviewed the data on the Covid vaccines. All the Covid vaccines are extremely effective and extremely safe. Almost all persons hospitalized due to a Covid infection have not been vaccinated. The same is true of those patients sick enough to be in the Intensive Care Unit or who have died. There is much misinformation on the internet. Believe your physician, NP or PA. The Vaccine Committee has unanimously recommended that all eligible persons

receive one of the vaccines, plus a booster dose if qualified for it.

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

Harry Wander, MD

Treasurer's Corner

Opening fiscal-year cash balance at 4/1/2021 was \$5,400. Cash received through 9/30/2021 (6 months of activity) totals \$20,950 and includes basic and enhanced membership fees, donations, Lost Mine Lake (LML) rental fees, and advertising fees. Cash received to date has met our 2021 annual budgeting plan.

Year-to-date (YTD) cash expenditures include \$8,465 for LML maintenance and supplies, liability insurance and utilities. Property tax payment is pending. Cash spent to date represents 86% of our annual budgeting plan due primarily to preparing the site for the installation of a Tuff Shed storage building.

YTD administrative expenditures of \$4,870 include home monitoring, Directors and Officers liability insurance, member communication, LML rental refunds, office supplies and bank fees, firehouse rental, domain registry, and a deposit for the holiday party venue. Cash spent to date in this category represents 57% of our annual budgeting plan.

Total YTD cash spent represents 73% of our annual budget. Due to the cyclical nature of LML expenditures (front-end loaded), and the cancellation of the member appreciation party due to concern for COVID exposure, we anticipate that we will be able to meet our budgeting goals for the 2021 fiscal period.

Cheryl Lester, CPA, MBA

The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association

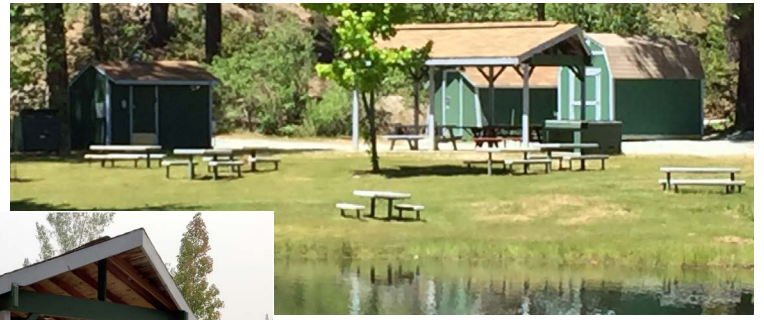
Cordially Invites You

**2021 Christmas Dinner Get Together
at Lefty's in Downtown Nevada City
Saturday, December 4th, 6-9 pm**



Look for more details to come on the website and on our Facebook page.

We hope to be able to go forward with the party and would love to see you there!



Lost Mine Lake Fall 2021

The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association (CSHA) was formed to take over the Lost Mine Lake property from Boise Cascade Corporation in 1969. The site is a former hydraulic mining operation from the 1800's. CSHA has been paying the taxes, insurance and maintaining the lake for over 50 years. The 9 acres are private property and are to be used by members only.

In the 1970's there was a bridge that connected the mainland to the island; it fell into disrepair and was removed. At that time there was no lawn nor buildings and the lake was filled with growth.

The 1980's brought the construction of the outhouse, pavilion and the installation of electricity, the water pump and the sprinkler system. The hiking trail around the lake was established with the help of the Eagle Scouts.

In 1990 the Memorial Garden, volleyball court and horseshoe pit were added.

2005 saw the addition of the play structure.

The past ten years has seen many improvements including: lighting of the lawn and parking lot, new toilets, upgrading all of the electrical, water to the kitchen, new color of the buildings, and the addition of the aeration system in the lake.

These are some of the highlights of accomplishments over the past 50 years by volunteers and does not begin to take into account all of the maintenance, lawn mowing, weed eating, clean up, emptying the garbage, gravel for the parking lot, sand for the beach and volleyball court and dealing with the constant vandalism.

The board was instrumental in advising the owners of the adjacent property on Sailor Flat to send a letter to the

sheriff stating no dirt bike riding was allowed on their property. The sheriff then had a letter on file that there was to be no trespassing on the property which allowed the sheriff to cite violators. This was a major issue for local neighbors.

I have heard people describe the lake as toxic. Untrue! The lake water is tested every year and falls within the standards for recreational water use. The aeration has greatly reduced the weed population and improved water clarity. The lake also supports an array of creatures including fish, frogs, turtles and geese.

Lost Mine Lake has also provided a rustic venue for parties, weddings and reunions. We love to see people enjoying the property, but it also puts more work on the volunteers.

The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association has much to be proud of for the last 50 years of successful operation. This was made possible by VOLUNTEERS, spending countless hours of their time to make this all happen. Volunteering gives one a greater appreciation of all the work of others who helped make Lost Mine Lake an enjoyable retreat in our own backyard.

The next time I get a call complaining about goose poop I promise that CSHA will provide you with a rake!

Thanks to Andrew Guevel for all his hard work.

Doug Gloff, CSHA Vice President and Lost Mine Lake Supervisor



CSHA's Mission

Cascade Shores Homeowners Association (CSHA) was formed when Lost Mine Lake and its surrounding acreage were donated by the Boise Cascade Corporation in 1969. Our charter purpose is the care and maintenance of Lost Mine Lake as stated in Article 1 of the CSHA by-laws.

ARTICLE 1 - Purposes

This corporation is a non-profit MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION organized under the Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under such law. The specific purposes of the Corporation are to hold, manage, operate, and maintain certain property located in the housing development known as Cascade Shores and Cascade Claims in the County of Nevada, State of California (Lost Mine Lake), as social and recreational facilities for the exclusive use and enjoyment of those property owners and residents of said developments and adjoining developments who are members of the corporation, and to take a public position on environmental and other matters affecting the quality of life in Cascade Shores and environs, etc. This corporation elects to be governed by all the provisions of the Non-Profit Corporation law of 1980 not otherwise applicable to it under Part 5.

Article 1 clarifies why much of our time and resources are focused on Lost Mine Lake. Behind the scenes, CSHA communicates with NID, Public Works and other county agencies on behalf of members. Member concerns are addressed with the appropriate agencies as the need arises. When a county fence needs to be repaired, a sign needs to be replaced, or when other community hazards arise, CSHA communicates with the appropriate agency to get them resolved. Additionally, it's the board members who pick up trash on cardiac hill!

As for activities in Cascade Shores, it's not for lack of trying. In the past, CSHA hosted an annual summer picnic with free food, games and kayak races, and Friday evening movies in the summer at the firehouse with free popcorn and soda. There was a women's club that hosted holiday kids parties for Easter, Halloween and Christmas complete with Santa and the Easter Bunny, games and prizes. The women's club also hosted game days where residents could get together and play cards at the firehouse, as well as wine tasting get together's at Lost Mine Lake.

All of these activities were free to anyone living in Cascade Shores, yet no one came. They used to be popular, but in the last 10 years or so attendance has dwindled. A lot of volunteer work goes into a picnic with free food, or a movie outdoors on a warm Friday night in July, yet few if any attend! The women's club finally disbanded because so few pitched in and helped out. It's that old chestnut "what if you threw a party and nobody came" well, that's where we found ourselves and one-by-one events just went by the wayside.

CSHA continues to host Thursday night summer BBQ's and they are great. Those who do attend really enjoy themselves - there was even a request to add an additional BBQ night in September. The Community Yard Sale is also popular and it seems successful to those who participate. So, what would you like to see going on in Cascade Shores? Contact any board member and let them know your thoughts. Board member contact information is available on the last page of this newsletter.

Leslie Grassi, CSHA Secretary



Cascade Shores Fire Wise Committee

This year has brought some changes to the Cascade Shores Fire Wise committee. A couple of founding members have decided to step down from their roles and will instead be providing guidance and support to the new steering committee. The committee's focus will remain unchanged. Focus will be on ensuring Cascade Shores remains a FireWise community and is as prepared as possible for fire danger.

The committee has identified new goals for this upcoming year, the goals include,

1. Increased distribution of "Your Hard Work Needs to be Counted" form
2. Increase defensible space advisory visits

3. Revitalize the "30 Day Notice" process
4. Clarify with Office of Emergency Services, option to have the gates over dam unlocked
5. Get 2 steering committee members trained in defensible space assessment process
6. Increase FireWise distribution list by 25 members
7. Create Cascade Shores Mission statement

Committee members will be out in neighborhoods assessing properties for fire safety and providing guidance to homeowners on how to increase their properties defensible space. Don't hesitate to say hi or ask questions when they are in your neighborhood.

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)

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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	

Home Monitoring Service

The home monitoring services monitor checks on homes weekly to make sure that doors and windows are secure and everything looks OK. Typically, I walk around the entire house and onto decks to make sure there isn't anything out of the ordinary for vacation monitoring or unoccupied home monitoring. When something is noticed the home owner is contacted immediately. If necessary, law enforcement will be contacted. A few of the issues found have been open doors and garage doors, trash from bears strewn around, storm damage with trees and lines down, and suspicious activity (questionable car or person in the neighborhood).

We highly encourage anyone who is not a permanent resident to sign up for the home monitoring service or at the very least, to join the association. A while back, for example, a resident who is not an association member sustained serious tree damage to his house and left his garage door open for weeks. Neighbors of the homeowners' association did not have his contact information so both issues went un-addressed for quite some time. Another resident went on vacation and within a few days of leaving, a water pipe broke at the back of the house. The home monitor noticed the leak and immediately arranged to have it fixed, averting a huge water bill and possible damage to the house.

Please remember that the home monitoring service is not law enforcement. 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 at 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 the home monitoring service, check out the CSHA website: www.cascadeshores.org and click on the Home Monitoring Services link on the left side of the screen. The "Authorization for Home Monitoring Services" 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":

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.

Cheryl Lester

Treasurer, Membership Chair and Home Monitoring



WE NEED YOU! The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association has been in existence for 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 are interesting in serving on the board, please call or e-mail any CSHA board member.

Let's All do our Part to Keep Cascade Shores Beautiful!

If you find large objects, such as furniture, discarded along the roads in Cascade Shores please call the County Roads Dept. at 530 265-1411.

If you have unwanted items check with local charities or use social media sites like Next Door or local Facebook Groups, others may have been in the same situation and can offer advice.

Be kind and don't dump your unwanted items on the streets for your neighbors to deal with.

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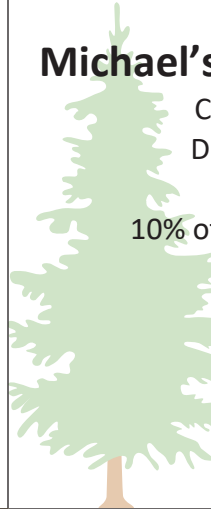
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To list your business on CascadeShores.org and in print in the Cascade Shores newsletter (twice a year),
contact **Cheryl Lester** at **408-656-9382** or email at clester4300@aol.com.

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.

We welcome and support people of all backgrounds and ethnicity and we depend on each other to create the best possible living conditions in our community. Consideration and respect are encouraged when making decisions that impact our neighborhood and our environment.

Current CSHA Board Members 2021-22

President: Roads	Harry Wander	hjwander@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
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Board Member: Lost Mine Lake Assistant	Andrew Guevel	akguevel@comcast.net	530-264-5020
Board Member: Member-at-Large	Terry McAteer	tmcateer@icsos.us	530-273-2776

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 make Cascade Shores a welcoming place to live.