



Cascade Connections

CSHA Newsletter • Fall 2022

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President's Report

The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association (CSHA) continues to do well. We have 120 members. This is below last year's 135. However, we often get some additional members as the cold weather begins. People see how much money they can save on their propane bill, currently about 55%. The money saved on one fill-up is usually enough to more than pay the annual dues. Membership is very important, as maintaining and improving the Lost Mine Lake facility requires a significant cash flow.

Thanks are due the many homeowners who have done a great job of improving the fire safety of their property. This work improves the fire safety of the entire community. In addition, this helps maintain Cascade Shores designation as a Firewise Community. This is very important to homeowners who receive an insurance premium reduction because of that designation.

In addition, thanks are due the 27 members who contributed a total of \$2,510 in addition to their dues. We also thank the 6 members who have donated a significant amount of labor to our projects. These money and time donations help a great deal in maintaining and improving our Lost Mine Lake property.

In appreciation of their donations, the Board of Directors recently hosted an Appreciation Dinner to which all those donors were invited. Only a few showed up. In view of this lack of interest, the Board has decided to not have such an event next year. We will find other means of showing our appreciation.

We also discussed that many organizations have been seeing less and less interest by their members in having such social get-togethers. The Board believes it to be unlikely that enough members would want to attend a Christmas dinner to make it worth the time and effort to organize one. Accordingly, we decided to not have one this year. After all, our chartered reason for existing is to "hold, manage, operate and maintain certain property (Lost Mine Lake) --- and to take a public position on environmental and other matters affecting the quality of life in Cascade Shores and environs, etc." We are not a social club.

The Board has also discussed the fact that a significant amount of work and expense is involved in preparing for, and cleaning up after, the facility when it is rented for a wedding, family reunion or other event. We have decided

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To All of Our Volunteers and Donors Thank You

Thank you to 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.

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to restrict renting out the facility to only members and to limit the size of the rental group to 50 attendees.

We have 2 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 myself 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 become a Board member, as we can make interim appointments.

Our Board meetings are open to CSHA members. We meet at 5:30 PM on the first Wednesday of the month; at Lost Mine Lake during the summer months and in the Firehouse the rest of the year. If you wish to address the Board on some topic, please e-mail me at hjwander@comcast.net and I will put you on the agenda.

Harry Wander, CSHA President

Treasurer's Corner Fall 2022

Opening fiscal-year cash balance at 4/1/2022 was \$3,750.

Cash received through 9/30/2022 (6 months of activity) totals \$19,980 and includes basic and enhanced membership fees, donations, Lost Mine Lake (LML) rental fees, and advertising fees. Cash received to date is slightly below our 2022 plan of \$20,405 primarily due to a drop in membership renewals.

Year-to-date (YTD) cash expenditures total \$14,785 and includes \$11,930 related to LML: maintenance, supplies and refurbishment of the memorial garden (\$6,520), liability insurance (\$3,645), utilities (\$1,505), and property tax (\$260).

The balance of YTD expenditures of \$2,855 pertain to administrative costs including home monitoring (\$1,500), member appreciation party and yard sale advertising (\$710), LML deposit refunds (\$475), and office supplies and bank fees (\$170).

YTD cash spent represents 68% of our annual budget. Remaining expenditures include renewal of Directors and Officer liability insurance, six months of recurring expenses for home monitoring and utilities, fiscal year-end costs for mailing the Spring Newsletter, firehouse cleaning, and the 2nd property tax payment.

We anticipate that our ending cash balance at 3/31/2023 will be less than \$500.

Cheryl Lester, CPA, MBA, CSHA Treasurer

A Good Time was Had by All!

The annual Volunteer and Donors Appreciation Picnic was held on Saturday, October 3rd at Lost Mine Lake. Although the turn out was small those that attended enjoyed themselves. The weather couldn't have been any better and the food was over the top!

Doug and Andrew put in a lot of hours taking care of Lost Mine Lake and the facilities and it shows. The lake looks beautiful in the fall when the leaves start to change, so come check it out. We are hoping for a bigger turnout next summer at the Thursday night BBQs, so keep an eye out for the 2023 calendar.



Donors and Volunteers
at the Appreciation
Picnic on October 3rd





Lost Mine Lake Fall 2022

We now have a new fence around the Memorial Garden and new sign. It is an attractive addition and there are plans to continue to improve the appearance of the garden. This was the Board's major improvement expenditure for the year.

The aerator system for the lake has been in continuous operation for over 3 years and has needed repair. Some repairs have been performed and additional work will be performed over the winter. This has been expensive and the extra donations from our members help the CSHA Board deal with these unexpected expenses.

Clean up day at Lost Mine Lake was very successful and a lot was accomplished. The turnout of volunteers was good. Unfortunately, they are the same faces that show up every year. I remain cautiously optimistic that we will be seeing some new faces in the future.

There is also a new picnic table in the pavilion. By next year, the last old picnic table will have been replaced.

There have been continuing problems with ATVs using the far side of the hiking trail and barricades we have erected are constantly being destroyed by the trespassers. There has also been continuing problems of daily use of the rest rooms and theft of toilet paper and seat protectors. Someone also stole all of the light bulbs. It was \$45 just to replace the bulbs. This has led to the decision to lock the rest rooms after summer. We know this may cause some inconvenience to our members but unfortunately, this is our only option.

Andrew Guevel and I very much enjoy seeing our members visiting the lake when we are performing maintenance. The water is great, the water is warm and the colors are changing. Come for a visit, but use the bathroom first.

Doug Gloff, CSHA Vice President
and Lost Mine Lake Supervisor

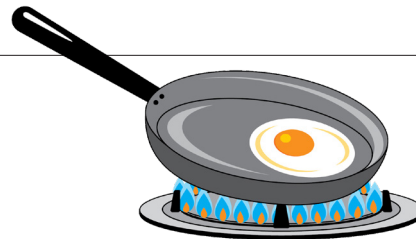
Report from the Driveway 2022: Community Yard Sale

This year's yard sale was a big success with lots of positive feedback from both sellers and shoppers. I printed 231 maps and at the end of the day there were only 8 left. I think word has gotten out as I saw shoppers driving around with trailers! This year I participated in the sale and we occasionally polled shoppers and there were several that didn't pick up maps, they just enjoyed driving around Cascade Shores checking things out. We also had a few mystery sign makers who posted signs throughout the area, I really appreciate their help. Clay and I posted signs on Thursday night before the sale, and when we went to town on Friday morning somebody had taken some of them down, that was very disappointing. It seems someone in Nevada City does not like signs.

With the advent of social media we were able to reach more shoppers posting on Next Door, FaceBook and Craigslist. I will have to try and figure out how shoppers can download the map to their devices. If anyone has any suggestions on how to do that I would welcome it. Social Media is a bit of a frustration for me so I would really appreciate any help in that arena.

Clay and I are inching our way to no longer needing to rent storage and plan to continue cleaning out the closets, loft and sheds. Next year the sale will be on Saturday, September 2, so you too will have all year to plan ahead. If you have any comments or suggestions e-mail me at cshayardsale@yahoo.com I would love to hear from you.

Leslie Grassi
Secretary, CSHA



Winter is Coming!

Now is the perfect time to check your propane tank.

We all remember what winter was like last year and this year could be worse, or not, but it's not a bad idea to check your tank and call your provider to get your tank filled before winter sets in.

It's also a great time to replace that broken snow shovel, get the snow blower tuned-up and stack the firewood!

Home Monitoring Service

The home monitoring service provides weekly checks on your home to make sure that doors and windows are secure, and that no intrusion has been noted. The property is examined for trees or limbs that threaten the home, especially after a storm. Typically, I walk the perimeter of the home and deck for vacation monitoring or unoccupied home monitoring. If an irregularity is observed, I will contact the homeowner. If necessary, law enforcement will be contacted. With occupied home monitoring, or if you are here at your vacation home, I will view your home from the road but will not disturb you. I highly encourage any homeowner who is not a permanent resident to sign up for the home monitoring service. Past notifications have included homes with serious tree damage, water pipe rupture and garage doors left open to wildlife.

Please remember that this service is NOT a substitute for law enforcement. If you have issues or concerns about mail stolen from your mailbox, off-road vehicles being driven on residential streets, offensive noise levels from unruly neighbors, alarms going off at unoccupied homes, suspicious activity, unleashed dogs, or excessive speeding, contact the appropriate Nevada County authority. They have the legal power 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 per year, which includes weekly monitoring of your home (April 1 to March 31, weather permitting).

Please note that beginning December 2022, due to my taking a more active role at the CPA firm I work for, I will be stepping down from my duties as home monitor and will pass them on to Leslie Grassi (CSHA Secretary) and her husband Clay Glanz, local Shores residents. There will be a transition period within the next couple of weeks when they escort me on my rounds and become familiar with your specific home monitoring needs.

It was a pleasure working with you!

Cheryl Lester
Treasurer, Membership Chair
and Home Monitoring

Cascade Shores FireWise Committee

The Cascade Shores FireWise Committee is dedicated to helping the community fireproof their homes and property. We also have members certified to do a free "Defensible Space" assessment of your property and provide feedback on ways to reduce your fire risk. These assessments are available to Cascade Shores residents year round.

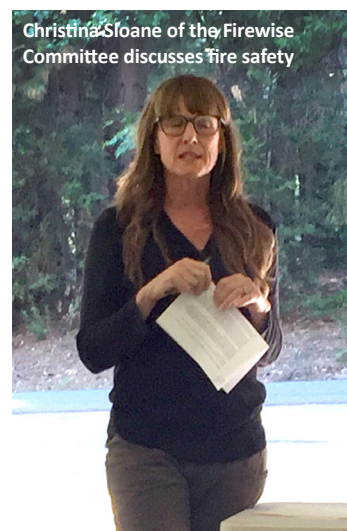
The FireWise Committee is always in need of volunteers to help out throughout the year. If anyone is interested in getting involved, if you would like to join our committee or are interested in a free defensible space assessment, please e-mail Christina at ctrimble2@yahoo.se or text/call her at 707-484-1918.

Don't forget to return your "tracking your hours" sheet on page 5. This is an important step in maintaining our Firewise Community designation, which is very important to homeowners who receive an insurance premium reduction because of that designation.

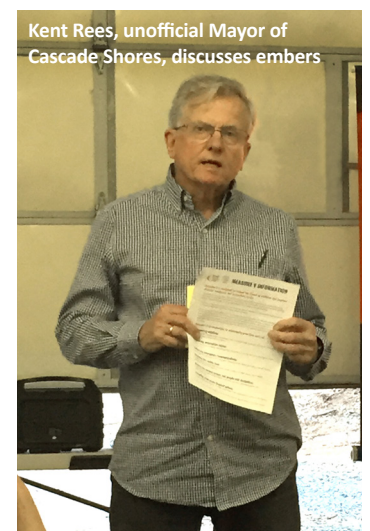
This year's annual firewise committee meeting was held

on Saturday, October 8th. Presentations were made by Jim Mathias of CalFire, Heidi Heckler from Nevada County discussing Proposition V and local resident and founding Firewise Committee member Kent Rees.

Please remember that fire season is not over yet!



Christina Sloane of the Firewise Committee discusses fire safety



Kent Rees, unofficial Mayor of Cascade Shores, discusses embers

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.	
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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 2022-23

President: Roads	Harry Wander	hjwander@comcast.net	530-300-2126
Vice President: Lost Mine Lake Supervisor	Doug Gloff	dgloff12@hotmail.com	530-263-2186
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
Board Member: Member-at-large	Dave Robson	dave@robsoncustomhomes.com	913-636-6384
Firewise Committee Contact	Christina Trimble Sloane	ctrimble2@yahoo.se	530-265-2648

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.

Disappointed in CSHA? If you are unhappy with the Board of Directors or how things are going in Cascade Shores, why not be part of the solution and join the board - **NOW IS THE TIME!** Without a resolute and committed board, little can be accomplished each year. If you have been thinking about volunteering, why not become an active leader in the organization? The Association needs two CSHA members to join the Board of Directors. Each term is two years long and requires a commitment of approximately one hour per month for board meetings, and support of the Homeowners Association's goals and objectives.

