



Cascade Connections

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President's Report

The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association (CSHA) continues to do well. We have 128 members as of 9/30/2023, an increase of 8 members from one year ago, and often have additional members join once cold weather sets in and people see that they can save up to 55% off their propane bill from non-member pricing. The money saved on one fill-up is usually enough to more than pay the annual homeowner's membership dues. Member numbers are very important, as maintaining and improving the Lost Mine Lake facility requires significant cash flow.

In addition to member dues, we have received donations of \$4,800 which included one large donation which paid almost the total cost of replacing our aging play structure. These donations help immensely in covering unexpected expenses throughout the year.

Thanks are also due to the many homeowners who have done a great job of improving the fire safety of their

property. This work improves the safety of the entire community and helps maintain the Cascade Shores designation as a Firewise Community which in turn reduces homeowner insurance premiums.

The Board has again discussed the matter of our organization sponsoring social get-togethers. There is a lot of work involved in setting up those types of gatherings, and with continued poor attendance, the Board reiterated its opinion that doing such was not a worthwhile expenditure of effort or money. 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 have 3 vacant positions on the Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in taking a more active role in the organization, please contact me or one of the other

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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President's Report continued...

Board Members. It would involve attending a board meeting once a month and helping with projects that 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 at the Firehouse the rest of the year. If you wish to address the Board on some topic, please email me at hjwander@comcast.net and I will put you on the agenda.

Harry Wander, CSHA President

Treasurer's Corner Fall 2023

Opening fiscal-year cash balance at 4/1/2023 was \$3,440. Cash received through 9/30/2023 (six months of activity) totals \$22,495 (compared to budget of \$19,955) and includes basic and enhanced membership renewals of \$16,735, donations of \$4,805 with an anonymous donation of \$2,300 designated for the new kid's play structure at Lost Mine Lake (LML), and LML rental and deposit fees of \$955.

Year-to-date (YTD) cash expenditures total \$14,755 and includes \$6,465 related to LML with \$3,305 of that used for the cost of the play structure and the materials and labor necessary to install it. Another \$1,180 was spent on a second compressor needed for lake aeration, and \$1,980 was used for routine supplies and labor for lake upkeep. Additionally, \$3,640 was spent on liability insurance, and \$1,405 for utilities.

The balance of YTD expenditures pertains to administrative costs including home monitoring \$1,500, member outreach costs \$500, LML deposit refunds \$200, play structure social \$170, and office supplies, licenses, and FireSafe donation totaling \$875.

YTD cash expenditures represent 76% of our annual budget of \$19,505 with the play structure expense included, or 59% without the play structure. Remaining expected 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, and property taxes.

Cheryl Lester, CPA, MBA, CSHA Treasurer

Cascade Shores Gets Some Help From Nevada County

At the CSHA Annual Meeting concerns were raised with guest speaker Ricki Heck, Director of Division 1, Nevada Irrigation District, about NID property that abuts Lake Lane. Approximately three years ago the County arranged with a 3rd party contractor to clean and groom the adjacent land removing debris and turning the soil, making a clean fire break. After the last two years of storms the NID property was in disrepair and needed attention, and that any help with this would be appreciated. The board continued communication with Ricki and she responded that a contractor was going to the area to work on hazard trees. They worked within 100' of the property line, chipping dead and downed debris up to 15" diameter, as well as cut and chip all tree and debris under 8" diameter. The crew completed the project on August 31st. They worked for 2 days and did an excellent job.

The board also contacted Patrick Perkins, Principal Civil Engineer for Nevada County, after complaints about speeding in Cascade Shores. He replied that in the past year or so the County has completed studies in Cascade Shores resulting in placement of stop signs at several intersections. The speed limit within Cascade Shores remains at 25mph and they placed portable radar trailers at several locations to remind drivers of their speed throughout the summer. The County can bring the radar trailer out occasionally when requested. Speeding enforcement continues to be of concern and that requests for speeding enforcement should be directed to the CHP office in Grass Valley. So, the board needs your help, if speeding in Cascade Shores is a concern to you please contact the CHP. And you can rest assured that the board will continue to do so too!

CHP Contact information:

Phone: 530-477-4900

Email: 230pio@chp.ca.gov

Snail Mail: 11363 McCourtney Road
Grass Valley, CA 95949



Thank you to the assembly team!
Kevin & Lauri Hogan, Kaitlin Jordan,
Jake Trembley, Doug Gloff and
Andrew Guevel



Lost Mine Lake Fall 2023

We have been very fortunate to have received a generous anonymous donation for the purchase of a new swing set for kids. It is a major improvement from the prior swing set, which served us well for many years.

The instructions for assembly were 72 pages long and proved a challenge. We owe construction to the group pictured above. The assembly took 17 hours and 9 volunteers. Sean O'Brien did the grading and Michael Cotton provided the chips with more to be added. All of this was accomplished with volunteers and minimal expense. The survival of our HOA is dependent upon this type of support. Thank you all.

We hosted an ice cream social that was open to the community to celebrate the new play set and it was very well attended. If you haven't seen it, check it out.

The cleanup day was very successful. Unfortunately, there were no new faces assisting, but the same people that have kept the organization going. If younger members don't step up, we will not continue to exist.

The plans for next year are focused on maintenance. We have a problem with the sprinklers that needs to be addressed and some other projects that require attention.

We will be shutting down the aeration system for the winter to conserve electricity.

Andrew Geuvel and I look forward to providing an enjoyable experience for our members visiting LML. This does not happen without a substantial amount of work. Please join us in making LML a peaceful and fun place to enjoy.

Doug Gloff, CSHA Vice President
and Lost Mine Lake Supervisor

Ice Cream Social at Lost Mine Lake

On Labor Day the Homeowners Association hosted an ice cream social to celebrate our new play structure. We had a nice turn out and served hot dogs and ice cream bars. Bring your kids and grand kids down to the lake to enjoy the last few weeks of warm weather.



Gregory McAteer tends to the barbecue

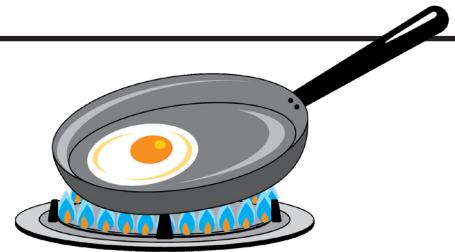


Residents enjoying the Ice Cream Social



Dogs and Lost Mine Lake

Please remember dogs are only allowed on the trail around the lake and in the designated DOG BEACH area in the southeastern part of the lake. Dogs are not allowed in the pavilion, picnic table area or the beach area directly next to them. Poop bags are available at the lake for your use. It would be greatly appreciated if you would pick up after your dog.



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.

Home Monitoring Service

The home monitoring service provides weekly checks of 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, we walk the perimeter of the home and onto decks for vacation monitoring or unoccupied home monitoring. If an irregularity is observed, we will contact the homeowner. If necessary, law enforcement will be contacted. With occupied home monitoring, or if you are here at your vacation home, we will view your home from the road but will not disturb you. Past notifications have included serious tree damage, water pipe rupture and garage doors left open to wildlife, or worse, intruders. During inclement weather we will do the best we can to access your property.

Please remember that this service is **NOT** a substitute for law enforcement. If you have issues or concerns about stolen mail, off-road vehicles being driven on residential streets, offensive noise from unruly neighbors, alarms going off at unoccupied homes, suspicious activity, dogs not on leashes, excessive speeding, or family issues of any kind please 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 \$225 per year, which includes weekly monitoring of your home (April 1 to March 31, weather permitting).

We encourage all members of CSHA, whether participating in the home monitoring program or not, to join the Cascade Shores Homeowners Association FaceBook page. It's a great way to keep updated on critter sightings, *including snakes*, and other events, good and bad, going on in Cascade Shores. Another way to stay informed is to join the Cascade Shores Peeps FaceBook page which is open to everyone that lives in Cascade Shores.

To increase police presence in our community, residents are encouraged to call law enforcement immediately whenever unlawful activity is observed. By doing so, law enforcement will have a documented record of occurrences that will support our need for more law enforcement presence in Cascade Shores.

Clay Glanz & Leslie Grassi
Home Monitoring Team

Volunteers and the Community Yard Sale

Despite articles in past newsletters discussing the success of the yard sale and positive feedback from sellers and shoppers, it wasn't all unicorns and rainbows. I was trying to put a positive spin on it, but the truth is it's a lot of coordination and hard work. Not everyone appreciates the time and energy that goes into making the yard sale a reality. I received a lot of complaints, via email and phone calls, including the night before the sale; "Why am I just hearing about this now, why didn't you advertise it?" And my favorite "Why didn't you arrange for a non-profit to pick up all of my left over stuff?"

In a perfect world a project like this would be a community effort or a committee would have been formed. The board is only 6 people and we can only do so much and sometimes that means eliminating events, so we just muddle through trying to do everything ourselves or strong arm our friends and family into helping out. I asked for volunteers in the fall newsletter last year but no one responded and when I emailed some participants for help during the days leading up to last year's sale, I was ghosted.

If the yard sale is important to you, consider coming forward to help out. It would be great if the younger members of the community would volunteer to help and/or join the board. It's important for the board to understand what living in Cascade Shores means to younger members of the community. It's only an hour a month and support of a few summer events, which is basically attending a few BBQs.

The primary purpose of the homeowners association is the care and maintenance of Lost Mine Lake. Without volunteers and the homeowners association, there's no Lost Mine Lake, and that would be a tragedy.

Leslie Grassi, CSHA Secretary
Home Monitoring, FaceBook, Website, Newsletter

Cascade Shores FireWise Committee

Don't forget to return your **tracking your hours** sheet below. 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.

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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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 clester4300@aol.com. Member price \$25 per year; non-member price \$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 2023-24

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
Secretary: Newsletter, Website, FaceBook	Leslie Grassi	lesgrassi@yahoo.com	530-478-0386
Home Monitoring Service	Clay Glanz, Leslie Grassi	lesgrassi@yahoo.com	530-478-0386
Board Member: Lost Mine Lake Assistant	Andrew Guevel	akguevel@comcast.net	530-264-5020
Board Member: Member-at-large	Terry McAteer	termcateer@gmail.com	530-273-2776
Firewise Committee Contact	Christina Sloane	ctrimble2@yahoo.se	707-484-1918

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.

