



Cascade Connections

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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 so special.

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President's Report

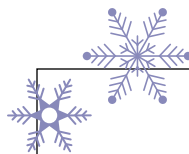
The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association continues to do well. We have 109 members this year compared to 110 members one year ago, and we often gain more members as winter approaches since being a CSHA member includes the benefit of obtaining significant discounts on propane costs from either Ferrell Gas or Suburban Propane. The savings on one or two tank fill-ups can more than cover the membership fee cost. We have also negotiated discounts from several local merchants, as detailed on our website and in this Newsletter. Another benefit of membership is the opportunity to access the Lost Mine Lake facility for casual use or rent it for reserved use for large gatherings, such as weddings or family reunions.

This has been a rather quiet six months with no large issues or storms. Lost Mine Lake is about 3 feet low but is quite clear. The aeration system was expensive to install but has been amazingly effective in keeping the bladderwort growth under control.

A word of thanks goes out to a few of my fellow board members for cleaning up road trash in May and August from the crest of Banner Mountain down to the General Store. It never ceases to amaze me with what turns up, and it's unfortunate that it doesn't take long for more trash to accumulate.

There is one vacant position on the Board of Directors. Being a Board member requires current membership standing, attending one meeting per month and offering your input. If you are interested in filling this vacancy, please contact me or any another Board member. Our contact information is available on our website: www.cascadeshores.org.

Harry Wander, President



Winter is Coming!



Now is the perfect time to check your propane tank.

We all remember 'snowmageddon' and hopefully we will never have another, but it's a good idea to check your tank and call your provider to get your tank filled before winter sets in. Make sure to check your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries too!



Cascade Shores Residents Should Know the Legacy of Dave Southern

By Terry McAteer

If you have been to the Cascade Shore boat ramp/beach area, you probably noticed that the area is dedicated to Dave Southern. Dave, who passed away in 2001, was my next door neighbor for 20 years on Artic Close. Dave Southern's work on behalf of Cascade Shores residents was instrumental in many aspects of our community.

Sue and Dave Southern were both born and raised in Nevada County. They came back to the community when Dave retired in 1978 and had their home constructed on Artic Close. After defeat of a contentious development across the lake, Dave decided to run against the incumbent for a seat on the Nevada Irrigation District Board of Directors. Dave, who had never run for office, handily defeated the incumbent and served as a Director for the next 12 years—winning future elections unopposed.

During those years, Dave initiated many positive changes for our community. He got the Board to not allow Jet Skis on the Lake because of their noise and their pollution of two stroke oil. It was Dave's work to get our old outdated water treatment system completely rebuilt so that our water standards greatly exceed state standards. Seeing that our water pipes installed by the developer, Boise-Cascade, were substandard and frequently ruptured, Dave got replacement of the pipes in NID's long term infrastructure plan. Following his passing, NID followed through by replacing all of the Shore's pipes per Dave's lobbying. Finally, Dave saw the inadequacy of the "old" boat ramp which was short,

and narrow and urged NID to apply for state funds for a new boat ramp which proudly bears his name.

Dave spent most of his career as an Army Contractor who lived in various spots throughout the world. Sue and Dave had four children who live mainly in Northern California. Dave was a quiet man who cared deeply about Nevada County and his community. He left a sterling legacy for our community.

Lost Mine Lake Summer 2025

Summer at Lost Mine Lake has ended, but a lot has been accomplished. The landscaping was upgraded, the drainage ditches were cleaned of silt and debris that had accumulated, equipment was repaired, and the removal of a large hazardous tree were completed. There will be more deferred maintenance needed in the Spring: the tool shed and kitchen need to be repainted, and the play structure needs to be refinished.

We discovered that the bubbler system that prevents the growth of bladderwort works more effectively when operated at night and so a timer was installed to optimize the results. By making this change, a second benefit was a significant decrease in our electricity consumption. The PG&E bill for April-August 2024 was \$3,785, and \$1,495 in the comparative period in 2025, a savings of 60%.

The summer bbqs were well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Next year, why not attend one and meet some of your neighbors and board members and check out the work that goes into making Lost Mine Lake such a wonderful place? We really are lucky to have such a jewel right in our own backyard, few HOAs can say that.

Andrew Guevel and I take pleasure in seeing people appreciate the lake. This is especially true of the young families enjoying the play structure. This is our reward for our volunteer work. If you have ever considered volunteering, it's not too late. There can be great satisfaction in helping to make your community a better place to live.

Doug Gloff, Vice-President
and Lost Mine Lake Supervisor

The Elephant in the Room

It's interesting how rumors get started. It seems that many years ago back in the 80's or 90's (there are dozens of iterations of this story), the Cascade Shores Homeowners Association (CSHA) board president, who is now referred to as 'the dictator', caused an incident with the rental of Lost Mine Lake for a wedding. Don't know the specifics, but not sure how it applies to the current board of well meaning volunteers trying to do their best to take care of Lost Mine Lake. None of those mystery board members are still involved, or if any of them live here anymore. Might be time to just let it go.

Another rumor floating about is that there is a plan in place to make Cascade Shores a 'gated' community - this couldn't be further from the truth. CSHA has no intention of raising dues to hundreds or maybe thousands of dollars per month to pay for it. How could we possibly build gates, staff and maintain them all on a budget of ~\$19,000 a year? ALL of the current board members live here because it is NOT a gated community. NID owns Scotts Flat, so they likely would have a greater say in making Cascade Shores a gated community. CSHA has no authority to make such a decision. Let's just put that rumor to rest right now. **CSHA absolutely does not want to make Cascade Shores a gated community.**

Another rumor is that Lost Mine Lake is toxic and contains Snapping Turtles! The water is tested annually and always comes back with a 'safe for swimming and recreational use' rating. As for the turtles, yes there are turtles, but normal everyday turtles that were most likely dumped there by those who decided they didn't want them as pets any longer, but they seem happy enough. As for Snapping Turtles they are not present in the United States west of the Rockies (and no you cannot buy Snapping Turtles as pets, it's actually illegal), so it's doubtful that Snapping Turtles really do live in Lost Mine Lake. I've done the research, and if you don't believe me you can always Google it. Be more worried about the native rattlesnakes and mountain lions than imaginary turtles.

Hopefully this dispels some of the rumors about Lost Mine Lake and the current Board of Directors, we take great pride in Lost Mine Lake and would rather you enjoy spending time there. Next year come to one of the bbqs, meet your neighbors and board members and check out Lost Mine Lake. It really is a special place.

Leslie Grassi, CSHA Secretary

ARES is Now a Reality in Cascade Shores! ***That's Nevada County Amateur Radio Emergency Services***

It's not too late to join the Cascade Shores Radio Communication Group!

Earlier this year the Banner Mountain Fire Alert group invited residents of Cascade Shores to a meeting discussing their formation of an Amateur Radio Emergency Services Group in their area. That's all it took for Robert and Sue Caslava to decide we needed to do the same in Cascade Shores and started the ball rolling... now it's a reality!

We now have 15 members who have purchased radios and have completed the training to step up during emergency situations such as fires (and possible evacuations), storms and power outages.

We are looking for more homeowners to participate to ensure our radio coverage will expand. With the purchase of a battery handheld radio, members will have access to CalFire, Sheriff, Nevada City Fire Dept., KVMR FM radio station and several repeaters in the area. These vital resources will help us stay connected during power outages, fire emergencies or requests for help in any emergency. If you would like more information contact Robert or Sue at caslava@sbcglobal.net.

Trash, Theft and Vandalism at Lost Mine Lake



Over the years we have dealt with numerous instances of theft, vandalism and trash being dumped at Lost Mine Lake. We have been forced to install cameras to keep an eye on the dumpster, the kitchen and pavilion because of it. Sadly this is where some of your dues are being spent, cleaning up, repairing and replacing property at Lost Mine Lake.

If you see anyone committing acts of vandalism, theft or dumping trash at Lost Mine Lake or anywhere in Cascade Shores, please call the Nevada County Sheriff's Office at 530-265-1471.

Treasurer's Corner

Fall 2025

Opening fiscal-year cash balance at 4/1/2025 was \$3,280. Cash received through 9/30/2025 (six months of activity) totals \$18,435 (compared to budget of \$19,190 or 96%), and includes basic and enhanced membership renewals of \$15,150, donations of \$2,630, and Lost Mine Lake (LML) rental and deposit fees of \$655.

Year-to-date (YTD) cash expenditures total \$6,255 and includes \$2,615 related to LML labor and supplies for routine lake upkeep and landscaping, utilities expense to support the bubblers in the lake to maintain clarity, and property taxes, and administrative costs of \$3,640 for home monitoring, member outreach costs for the 2025 Spring Newsletter, LML deposit refunds, firehouse cleaning and office expenses.

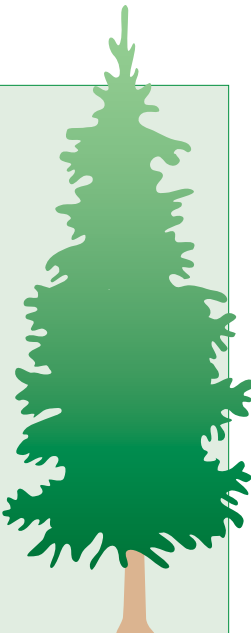
YTD cash expenditures represent 30% of our annual budget. Remaining expected expenditures of \$12,175 include renewal of Directors and Officer Liability insurance and General Liability insurance, labor and supplies for LML, six months of recurring expenses for home monitoring and utilities, and costs for printing and distribution of the 2026 Spring Newsletter.

The fiscal year-end cash balance is estimated at \$3,290. A portion of this amount will be appropriated to address deferred maintenance projects at LML early in the new fiscal year.

Cheryl Lester, MBA
CSHA Treasurer and Membership Chair

Lost Mine Lake Needs You!

Without CSHA there will be no Lost Mine Lake and that would be a tragedy. If you are interested in joining the board and helping to keep Lost Mine Lake afloat come to any board meeting. The Board of Directors is currently looking for new board members and a Treasurer for Spring 2026.



Important Phone Numbers



EMERGENCIES CALL 911

(area code 530, unless otherwise noted)

SHERIFF	
Reporting	265-1471
Narcotics Tip Line	265-4178
CHP	477-4900
ANIMAL CONTROL	273-2179
WILDLIFE RESCUE	470-2690
WILDLIFE CRIME TIP LINE	1-888-334-2258
FIRE (Non-Emergency)	273-3158
BURN DAY (Call before you burn)	274-7928
CAL FIRE (Nevada-Yuba-Placer)	889-0111
OES (Office of Emergency Services)	265-1538
ROADS, DOWNED TREES, FLOODING	265-1411
ILLEGAL DUMPING	265-7111
SEWER OVERFLOWS, SPILLS	265-1555
FISH & WILDLIFE	1-916-445-0411
COUNTY INFORMATION	211
NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (NID)	
Business	273-6185
Emergency (M-F 8am-5pm)	273-6185
Emergency (Weekends, After Hours)	273-3346
AT&T TELEPHONE OUTAGE	611
PG&E POWER OUTAGE	1-800-743-5002
COMCAST	1-800-266-2278
CODE COMPLIANCE	265-1222
NEVADA COUNTRY ROAD SERVICE MANAGER	
John Veasey	470-2821
e-mail: John.Veasey@nevadacountyca.gov	
DIRECTOR OF OES FOR NEVADA COUNTY	
Craig Griesbach	265-1583
e-mail: Craig.Griesbach@nevadacountyca.gov	
OUR SUPERVISOR Heidi Hall	265-1480
e-mail: heidi.hall@nevadacountyca.gov	
OUR CONGRESSMAN Kevin Kiley, District CA03	
District Office:	(916) 724-2575
Washington, D.C.	(202) 225-2523
The CSHA Board of Directors continues to voice the needs of Cascade Shores residents to the powers that be, and we will continue to do so, but we can't always go it alone, especially when it comes to our roads and fire safety. It's time for all residents of Cascade Shores to speak up! Please use the above list of important phone numbers when the need arises and to voice your opinions should you be so inclined.	

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16528 Pasquale Road, Nevada City, CA 95959

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 of utmost importance when making decisions that impact our neighborhood and our environment.

Current CSHA Board Members 2025-26

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 Lost Mine Lake Rental Contact	Leslie Grassi	lesgrassi@yahoo.com	530-478-0386
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Board Member: Outside Communications	Terry McAteer	termcateer@gmail.com	530-273-2776
Board Member: Lost Mine Lake Assistant	Andrew Guevel	akguevel@comcast.net	530-264-5020
Board Member	Jessica Padilla	jpadilla0208@gmail.com	530-955-5434
Board Member	Virginia Roberts	virginialeehomes@gmail.com	530-264-7196
Firewise Committee Contact	Christina Sloane	ctrimble2@yahoo.se	707-484-1918
Firewise Committee Contact	Greg Sloane		530-545-0951
Volunteers			
Emergency Radio Group	Robert & Sue Caslava	caslava@sbcglobal.net	760-807-5159

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. Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm. November & March-May at the firehouse, June-October at Lost Mine Lake.

Happy Holidays

Cascade Shores Fire Wise 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. On the next page please find the Certificate of Recognition that certifies Cascade Shores as a Fire Safe Community that can be presented to your insurance company. Thank you to the Firewise Committee for their efforts in making this a reality.

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
12967 Aurora Close, 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:

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(month) (year) (month) (year)

Name _____

Address _____

Contact e-mail _____

Contact phone _____

Hours spent cleaning your property:	
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\$ Spent cleaning your property including:	
Purchase of equipment, gasoline/other supplies, dump fees professional help, etc.	
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Miles driven to complete any activity above	

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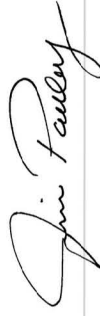
OF RECOGNITION

The National Fire Protection Association acknowledges that

Cascade Shores

located in Nevada City, CA

has successfully completed the Firewise USA® program's annual requirements for 2024
and is a participating site in good standing throughout the 2025 calendar year.



James T. Pauley, President, NFPA



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December 4, 2024

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