



# Cascade Connections

CSHA Newsletter • Spring 2018

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## President's Message

This past year has been a successful one for our association. Membership, currently at 166, is at a nearly all-time high. This means we have more funds to maintain and improve the Lost Mine Lake facility. During the past year much has been done and more is proposed, as will be discussed by Doug Gloff in his report. Doug has done an outstanding job of managing Lost Mine Lake. The facility really looks good; the best ever, I believe. There is a major project underway in the continuing battle against bladder wort, as he will discuss in his report.

At some point next Fall we are going to lose the services of our excellent Treasurer, as he is going to move to the South Carolina. Larry is a retired Air Force Major. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree. With this background, he has done an excellent job of organizing and keeping track of our finances since 2011. He has also been the Membership Chair during that time. Prior to that, he was the Secretary for one year. He has also been of great help in the large variety of projects we have undertaken at Lost Mine Lake and the Firehouse. We will really miss him. We need to have one of our members volunteer to come onto the Board of Directors and serve as our Treasurer. We will also need a new Membership Chairperson.

Another significant upcoming loss is that of Thomas Guzman, who's been a member of the CSHA since 1979 and for a while during the 1980s was President. He has been our Secretary since April 2016. His minute keeping is excellent and his participation in the Board discussions and decisions are very helpful. He has also been of great help in our various projects at Lost Mine Lake and the Firehouse and has done a great job facilitating the LML and Firehouse rental program. Unfortunately, he is moving to Ecuador this Fall. He will be sorely missed.

Fortunately, Kristina Guevel has volunteered to come onto the Board and serve as Secretary. Since Kristina's husband is on the Board, an amendment to the Bylaws is proposed to make it clear that there will be only one vote from that household, not two. Please vote at the annual meeting to Amend Bylaws Article VI, Section 1 by adding: 'In the event two or more officers are from the same household, only one shall be able to vote on

any matter, with the affected officers deciding between themselves which shall have the vote.'

A third loss will be that of Thomas Bennett, who is also moving to Ecuador. He has done an excellent job as our Security Patrol person since March 2015. We greatly need somebody from the membership to volunteer to be the Security Patrol person. If anybody thinks they might have an interest in being the Security patrol person Tom Bennett would be happy to discuss with you what is involved. His phone number is 530 264-7489.

Andrew Guevel, member-at-large and Lost Mine Lake Assistant, has been a great help on many projects at the lake and in our discussions at Board meetings. We have been fortunate in having Leslie Grassi, a former member of the board, come back onto the Board of Directors. We have 3 and will soon have 5 vacant positions on the Board. Anybody who has any interest in helping manage the affairs of the organization is welcome to come to our monthly meetings and become familiar with what is happening.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to have served as your President. I am looking forward to another successful year for our Association. I hope to see you at the annual meeting, which takes place at 1 PM on April 7th at the Firehouse.

Harry Wander, President, CSHA

### **CSHA Annual Meeting at the Firehouse**

**Saturday, April 7 • 1 pm**

Meet your neighbors and CSHA Board Members and hear what's going on in Cascade Shores. Get an update on plans for 2018 for Cascade Shores. We'll have representatives from CalStar, Cal Fire, the Firewise Committee and more.

### **Lost Mine Lake Clean-up Day**

**Saturday, May 5 • 9 am**

Taking care of our Lost Mine Lake property is all done by volunteers, your help in getting it ready for summer fun is appreciated. Refreshments will be served. Please bring garden tools if you can: rakes, shovels, weed eaters, etc., and don't forget your gloves, a hat and sunscreen.

Call Doug at 530-470-8643 with any questions.

# Time to Re-Think Old Thinking

Many people in Nevada County moved here from earthquake country. They viewed earthquakes as natural disasters that they had little control over. Similarly, once here, they came to view our fire threat as a natural disaster that they had little control over. If you feel helpless, you are unlikely to take steps to protect yourself. You figure, “why bother” when there isn’t anything that can be done.

However, the truth is that we can do a lot to protect ourselves from the wildfire threat. Just remember one fact: Most houses that burn in a wildfire are not destroyed by the front of a fire moving through. They burn well ahead of the main event, catching fire from windblown hot embers that find vulnerable footholds on your property. It’s like the artillery barrage that comes before the frontal assault. The big fire could be stopped a mile from your house, but your place is still destroyed by these new spot fires.

Once this new thinking sinks in, ask yourself how your place will do if pelted by these hot embers. Will they find a foothold on your roof, in your gutters, in dry needles, or in a wood pile too close to your house? Will there be enough fuel to wick these small fires into the tree canopy or into the underpinnings of your deck? This isn’t rocket science. You can assess this on your own, and start to ferret out these dangerous fire footholds. Concentrate on the surface areas and think about preventing fire from moving upward. Remove thick mats of dry debris, limb up trees, regularly clear off your roof, gutters, and decks, etc. Keeping your property safer is a regular maintenance task, like mowing a lawn or trimming a hedge. Doing it once or twice a year is not enough to protect you from a potential ember storm.

Many people adhere to a diet of heroism and risk taking ascribed to our first responders. They remember 9/11 and the lost lives of many New York firefighters. They watch programs like “Chicago Fire” and thrill to the death defying acts of firefighters responding to horrible accidents and burning buildings. People believe that firefighters will come to the rescue, like a fabled action hero, and will do anything to save the day. People tend to relax and figure that because they pay taxes for fire protection, they “are covered.”

If you think this, you need to re-think. The facts are that firefighters are told, time and time again, that they are not to put their own lives at risk to “save the day.” They

are told to triage dangerous situations and cherry-pick those properties that can be protected. Can they safely enter your driveway? Is there enough clearance around your house to make a stand worthwhile? If burning limbs are raining down or if your neighbor’s dangerous lot is putting them at risk, they will simply drive on and find houses on your street that can be saved. Remember that in a wildfire event, there are not enough fire engines to go around. If one pulls into your driveway, you’ve won the brass ring because you have a safer place to defend. Firefighters regard defensible space as their “welcome mat” in a fire emergency. If there’s no welcome mat, you put yourself and your neighbors at risk.

It’s time that a lot of people need to pull their heads out of the sand and “re-think fire.” As CalFire’s Matt Wallen puts it, “If people won’t do anything to help themselves, there may be little that the firefighters can do to help them.”

Cascade Shores Firewise Committee

## Evacuation Suggestions For Residents Without Transportation

When an evacuation order is given, can everyone get out? What about the elderly, the handicapped, or the ones without immediate access to a vehicle? It’s a scary thought to be stuck in your house with a fire bearing down on you.

After consulting with CalFire and the Nevada County Sheriff’s Office, the Cascade Shores Firewise Committee suggests the following:

1. Make yourself and your transportation needs known to neighbors (more than one is better) who you feel you can depend upon. Ask them to check on you in the event of an emergency so that they may help you to get out. Assistance from a friend or neighbor is your best option.
2. As a last resort, call 911 and ask for an emergency evacuation. If 911 is clogged, try calling 211, the County resource line that provides services to the disabled. Make sure that you have a reflective house number sign posted at the end of your driveway.

Contrary to the opinion of some people, “lists” of disabled people are not maintained by the Sheriff. Such a list would be too fluid and subject to constant change. However, it is the Sheriff’s Department that is the lead agency for Cascade Shores evacuations. Specific questions can be directed to them.

The Emergency Notification System will be activated when an evacuation is declared. This sends a recorded message

to any AT&T land line phone. Phones with other carriers and cell phones must be registered for local emergency notifications. Do so by going to [mynevadacounty.com](http://mynevadacounty.com) and look for the Office of Emergency Services “CodeRED” link. If you do not have the “Emergency Preparedness & Evacuation Guide” for Cascade Shores, you may order a copy from our Firewise contact person by calling Jan at 265-2435. Additional fire safety information can be found at [areyoufiresafe.com](http://areyoufiresafe.com) from the Nevada County Fire Safe Council.

Cascade Shores Firewise Committee

## Lost Mine Lake and Firehouse Party Rentals

2017 was a great year for private parties at the Lost Mine Lake Pavilion. Five different groups reserved LML for their private events!

Also in 2017, the Firehouse was rented by three groups for private functions.

Rentals are affordable and available to both CSHA members and non-members as follows:

### **LOST MINE LAKE**

#### **CSHA Members under 50 people:**

\$85 full day/\$50 deposit    \$45 half day/\$50 deposit

#### **CSHA Members 51-75 people:**

\$100 full day/\$75 deposit    \$65 half day/\$75 deposit

#### **CSHA Members 76 or more people:**

\$125 full day/\$100 deposit    \$85 half day/\$100 deposit

#### **Non Members under 50 people:**

\$125 full day/\$100 deposit    \$85 half day/\$100 deposit

#### **Non Members 51-75 people:**

\$200 full day/\$150 deposit    \$135 half day/\$150 deposit

#### **Non Members 76 or more people:**

\$325 full day/\$200 deposit    \$220 half day/\$200 deposit

### **FIREHOUSE (maximum 49 people\*)**

#### **CSHA Members:**

\$40 full day    \$30 8 hours    \$20 4 hours    Deposit \$50

#### **Non Members:**

\$60 full day    \$45 8 hours    \$30 4 hours    Deposit \$100

\*As per the Fire Marshall.

Now is the time to think about your private party needs for the summer and fall season and reserve your date. Call Thom Guzman rental scheduler at 530/264-7489 or e-mail him at [tguzmania@gmail.com](mailto:tguzmania@gmail.com) to reserve your date. You can download the rental agreements from our website at [cascadeshores.org](http://cascadeshores.org).

## Lost Mine Lake

With spring comes the completion of the project of painting all the buildings at Lost Mine Lake. The restrooms will be painted as weather permits. In addition to the new paint job on the exterior, the interior has been painted and new toilets installed.

The Board has a very aggressive plan in progress to address the continuing problem of the bladderwort weed in Lost Mine Lake. This year we will be installing aeration or bubbler heads in the lake to reduce weed growth and improve the overall health of the lake. The installation will require new electrical service being run to the water closet at the end of the restrooms to power the air pump, reinforcing the door on the closet and running pipe to the lake to power the eight individual air tubes that will be placed around the lake. This is the next best way to treat the problem, short of dredging with large equipment. Dredging was determined to be cost prohibitive. Spraying will also be required as part of the weed reduction project. This plan is intended to be a long term method of weed reduction, but should not be considered nor expected to be a means of total weed eradication.

Motorcycle riding on the adjacent property seems to have diminished due to repeated phone calls to the sheriff and a letter on file at the sheriff's from the property owner stating that no one is allowed on the property.

On May 5th we will be having our annual volunteer cleanup day at LML. Michael Cotton, owner of Michael's Tree Service here in the shores and a long time volunteer will be there with his wood chipper. The Board would really appreciate a good turnout. Bring your gloves and garden tools. We start at 9 AM and refreshments will be served.

We are also planning to bring in new gravel for the parking lot and sand for the beach. Future plans include improving the drainage ditch in the parking lot.

The aeration project is going to require substantial funding and a great deal of work by the Board. We have been discussing this project for the last three years and feel this is the time to go forward. The Board would appreciate any money donation by our members to help fund this project. Our long term goal is to make the lake healthier and to enhance water clarity by the reduction of weeds. When you write your check, add a few bucks and take satisfaction that you have helped make the lake more enjoyable for our members.

Doug Gloff, LML Supervisor, Vice President of CSHA

# Join CSHA!

## YOUR \$100 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- ✓ **Use of LOST MINE LAKE** – picnics, BBQ's, kid's fishing, volleyball, swings, lake trail, swimming!
- ✓ **PROPANE DISCOUNT** with Suburban Propane Currently \$2.25 a gallon for members instead of \$3.85 a gallon for non-members (March, 2018)!
- ✓ **FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS** One each in July & August at the Firehouse!
- ✓ **POTLUCK BBQ's** – Several Thursday evenings in July & August at Lost Mine Lake! Bring something to share and your own meat to grill and join us!
- ✓ **COMMUNITY YARD SALE** – Each September at the Firehouse!
- ✓ **RENTAL DISCOUNT** of Lost Mine Lake Pavilion area for your private events!
- ✓ **RENTAL DISCOUNT** of the Firehouse meeting room for your private events!
- ✓ **NEWSLETTER** twice a year!
- ✓ Exclusive **FACEBOOK** group page for updates!
- ✓ **CSHA WEBSITE** with up to date information!
- ✓ **COLLECTIVE VOICE** with county officials!

## ENHANCED SECURITY PATROL MEMBERSHIPS ALSO RECEIVE:

- ✓ **Unoccupied home inspections** - weekly on-site foot inspection of your vacation/weekend home!
- ✓ **Vacation inspections** - of your permanent home when you are away!

Annual Memberships are valid from April 1 to March 31 upon payment of dues.

*We look forward to working together to make Cascade Shores the best it can be!*

## 2018 Calendar of Events

CSHA Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Firehouse.

June through September board meetings are held at Lost Mine Lake.

<b>April 4</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
<b>April 7</b>	Saturday	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>April 10</b>	Tuesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>April 21</b>	Saturday	<b>Road Clean-Up Day</b>	9 am	Meet at the Firehouse
<b>May 2</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
<b>May 5</b>	Saturday	<b>Lost Mine Lake Clean-Up Day</b>	9 am	Lost Mine Lake
<b>May 8</b>	Tuesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>June 6</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>June 12</b>	Tuesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>July 10</b>	Tuesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>July 11</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>July 12,26</b>	Thursdays	<b>BBQ's at the Lake</b>	6:00 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>July 20</b>	Friday	<b>Friday Night Movie</b>	8:30 pm	Firehouse
<b>August 1</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>August 14</b>	Tuesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>August 2,16</b>	Thursdays	<b>BBQ's at the Lake</b>	6:00 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>August 24</b>	Friday	<b>Friday Night Movie</b>	8:30 pm	Firehouse
<b>September 5</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>September 8</b>	Saturday	<b>Community Yard Sale</b>	8 am	Firehouse
<b>September 11</b>	Tuesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>October</b>		Fall Newsletter Mailed		
<b>October 3</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
<b>October 9</b>	Tuesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse

# Security Patrol

Each week, I inspect CSHA members' homes for those who have purchased the "Enhanced Membership" package to make sure they are locked and haven't had any storm damage, water leaks, break-ins, or bear damage. 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 to inquire and inform.



While making my rounds, I've noticed lots of tree branches have fallen onto the decks, walks and yards of the homes which I visit. Rest assured if any of them appear to have caused damage to your enhanced membership home, you will be notified. As spring approaches, consider spending some time at your weekend/vacation home to clean up the debris before fire season starts. Everyone will benefit from fire-safe homes! Remember, burn permits are usually required to burn debris after June 1st. So winter and spring are the best seasons to clean up the yard and burn the piles!

From time to time, I am stopped by residents wanting to discuss issues that concern them, like people stealing mail out of their mailboxes, people stealing gas from their cars, off-road vehicles being driven on our residential streets, offensive noise levels from unruly neighbors, alarms going off on unoccupied homes, suspicious activity occurring at a neighboring house, dogs not on leashes, or excessive speeding on our streets. When these issues occur, 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 – 530 265-1471

If you are interested in having us visit your house weekly, check out the CSHA website: [www.cascadeshores.org](http://www.cascadeshores.org) and click on Security Patrol on the left side of the screen. The "Authorization for Security Patrol Inspections" form is located there. Enhanced Membership is an affordable \$75 a year which offers unoccupied homeowners a weekly on-site foot inspection of your vacation/weekend home and offers permanent residents vacation inspections of your permanent home when you are away!

[www.cascadeshores.org](http://www.cascadeshores.org)

On a personal note, as we are planning to move out of the area later this fall, this will probably be my last article as your CSHA Security Patrol person. The CSHA Board is looking for someone to take over my duties once we relocate. If you are interested in conducting this important service which takes about two hours a week to perform, please contact Harry Wander, CSHA Board President. It is important that this service continue!

When I'm on my rounds, please say Hi! If you have any questions regarding CSHA Security Patrol, please call me (530/264-7489) or e-mail me ([tbennitoia@gmail.com](mailto:tbennitoia@gmail.com)). Looking forward to seeing you in the Shores!

Tom Bennett, CSHA Security Patrol person



## Call for CSHA Board of Director's Members

**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 need you to become an active leader in our organization. The Board is looking for additional CSHA members to join the board beginning April, 2018. Please consider joining the board to help us make Cascade Shores the best it can be.

If you are interesting in serving on the board, please e-mail CSHA board secretary Thom Guzman at [tguzmania@gmail.com](mailto:tguzmania@gmail.com). Better yet, come to the annual meeting on April 7th and add your name to the ballot!

If you have any questions, please e-mail or call Thom at 530/264-7489!

Many thanks to our current Board of Directors: Harry Wander, Larry Marvin, Doug Gloff, Andrew Guevel, Leslie Grassi and Thom Guzman for their dedication to CSHA.



# 2018 Board of Directors Election

## Vote for up to Nine (9) candidates

Please mail your ballot to: CSHA, 16528 Pasquale Road, Nevada City, CA 95959  
or bring it to the Annual Meeting at the Firehouse on Saturday, April 2nd at 1pm.

**Doug Gloff** - 2 year term

I moved from the Bay Area to Nevada County in 2001. I have been on the board for 5 years as Lost Mine Lake supervisor and have been vice-president for the past 4 years.

**Leslie Grassi** - 2 year term

I served on the CSHA Board in 2011-2014 serving as Secretary, producing the newsletter and assisting with website. My husband Clay Glanz and I moved away for 3 years and moved back this Fall where I was voted back onto the board in September. I enjoy serving on the board and would like to continue serving in the community I am proud to call home.

**Andrew Guevel** - 2 year term

I moved from the Bay Area three years ago and am happy to make the family vacation home my permanent residence here in the Shores. As Member at Large, I have served as the Lost Mine Lake Assistant and enjoy working on projects that have enhanced our community.

**Thom Guzman** - 1 year term

I was on the CSHA Board in the 1980's, including serving as President. I moved away for 27 years, but retained my home in Cascade Shores. In 2014 upon semi-retirement, we moved back to the Shores and I became involved with the homeowners association once again, returning to the board in 2015. I look forward to serve in the place we once again call home.

**Larry Marvin** - 1 year term

I have served on the CSHA Board for eight years. Currently I serve as the Treasurer, Membership Chair, Propane Liaison, Website and Newsletter Coordinator. I am a retired USAF Major and a retired High School Teacher. I am a graduate of the USAF Academy, and I have an MBA in Finance. I enjoying helping to make this community a better place to live by serving on the CSHA Board.

**Harry Wander** - 2 year term

I have been a member of the CSHA since about 1993. I have been a member of the Board of Directors since about 2003, including 2 terms as the President. During this time, I have devoted several hundred hours to maintaining and improving the Lost Mine Lake area. I have been involved in such things as building the play structure, repainting all of the buildings, installing a new drain pipe for the lake and upgrading the water system. I have enjoyed my time on the Board of Directors. I am retired and have the time and energy to continue to be an active member of the Board.

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# Cascade Shores Homeowner's 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

<b>President;</b> Roads	<b>Harry Wander</b>	hjwander@comcast.net	530-264-7359
<b>Vice President;</b> Lost Mine Lake Supervisor	<b>Doug Gloff</b>	dgloff12@hotmail.com	530-470-8643
<b>Treasurer;</b> Membership, Propane, Website, Federation of Neighborhood Associations (FONA)	<b>Larry Marvin</b>	ljmm3@sbcglobal.net	530-478-1095
<b>Secretary;</b> Lost Mine Lake Rental Contact	<b>Thom Guzman</b>	tguzmania@gmail.com	530-264-7489
<b>Security Patrol;</b> Membership Committee	<b>Tom Bennett</b>	tbennitoia@gmail.com	530-264-7489
<b>Board Member;</b> Lost Mine Lake Assistant	<b>Andrew Guevel</b>	akguevel@comcast.net	530-264-5020
<b>Board Member;</b> Newsletter	<b>Leslie Grassi</b>	lesgrassi@yahoo.com	530-478-0386

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

### Support The Fire Safe Council

The Fire Safe Council is a non-profit, local volunteer organization dedicated to making Nevada County safer from catastrophic wildfire through fire prevention education, fire break clearing projects and creating Firewise Communities. Help support our mission to educate others by making a donation today.