



# Cascade Connections

CSHA Newsletter • Spring 2019

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## President's Message

This past year our association has continued to do well. We currently have 166 members, close to an all-time high. The membership number is very important, as there are significant expenses involved in maintaining Lost Mine Lake. In fact, even with this number of members we will be very close to running out of money by the end of this fiscal year. Therefore, the Board of Directors has voted to increase the basic membership fee by \$25 per year per household. The Board regrets having to take this action. However, this is the first increase in dues since about 2008 and during those years the cost of electricity, goods and supplies have all increased significantly.

Our biggest single expenditure this past year was the purchase of an aeration system for Lost Mine Lake. This was done to control the bladderwort growth in the lake. Thus far, it seems to be helping significantly. The lake this past summer looked the best it has in recent memory. However, we did only an initial partial installation due to cost and wanting to become familiar with the results. The system needs to be expanded to achieve full benefit. This is a significant cost. Another significant cost is the electricity to run the system. Vice President Doug Gloff, who is in charge of maintaining Lost Mine Lake, will discuss this more fully in his report.

Recently Larry Marvin, who has been our Treasurer for several years, moved to Alabama. To our good fortune Cheryl Lester has volunteered to take his place as Treasurer. She has her CPA and MBA and so is highly qualified for the position. In her report at the annual meeting she will give the details of our financial position.

Another recent loss to our Board was our Secretary, Thomas Guzman. He has moved to Ecuador. We were again fortunate that Kristina Guevel volunteered to take his place as Secretary.

A third loss to the Board was our Security Patrol person, Thomas Bennett, who has also moved to Ecuador. Our good fortune continued when Liz Kellar volunteered to be our Security Patrol person. In addition, she agreed to be

appointed to the Board of Directors as a Class 1 Director.

A major source of concern for all residents of Cascade Shores is the possibility of a forest fire occurring. How to prevent such an occurrence and how to evacuate if one should occur was extensively discussed at a standing room only meeting we hosted on January 2nd. The Firewise Committee has been taking the lead in exploring those issues, with the CSHA Board assisting as much as possible. I have joined Joan Hardy, Chair of the Firewise Committee and Kent Rees in attending several meetings with County officials and the Nevada Irrigation District. More are planned. Kent Rees will report on the details of those meetings.

Another source of continuing concern has been the need to upgrade or replace the sewer treatment plant. One proposal is to replace it with a leach field. The site proposed by the Nevada County Department of Public Works is in an area where landslides have occurred, with damage to several homes. There is concern that the proposed leach field would increase the likelihood of more landslides. The Cascade Shores Alliance for Land Safety has taken the lead in working with the County on those issues. The CSHA Board is assisting as much as possible. I have joined the CSALS in attending two meetings with NID. Mike Fitzwater and others did excellent presentations of the CSALS objections. CSALS has also requested another Environmental Impact Review. Thus far the Department of Public Works has only stated that more geologic studies are underway. They have promised a public review of those studies before any final decision is made on the leach field project. We will continue to closely monitor the sewer treatment problem.

The other Board members and I are looking forward to our Association having another productive and enjoyable year including the resolution of the problems I have discussed, plus managing the new ones which inevitably seem to arise.

Harry Wander, President, CSHA

# Fire Issues Demand Answers

On January 2, the CSHA and the Firewise Committee hosted a well-attended meeting on the subject of “Fire Prevention and Evacuation.” John Gulserian, from the Office of Emergency Services was our speaker. With the Paradise fire fresh on everyone’s mind, many concerns centered on the potential problem of being trapped in Cascade Shores in the event of a fast-moving fire. You may have seen that this meeting made the front page of The Union on January 9.

The CSHA Board and the Firewise Committee have taken the following actions:

1. We wrote a letter to the Public Works Department expressing our concerns and asking for substantial brush clearance, particularly on the steeper narrow section of Banner Quaker Hill Road, our prime evacuation route. Their response was disappointing and limited to some minor brush chipping. We have registered our dissatisfaction. To be sure, the County needs a stronger approach, backed up with funding, to properly clear evacuation routes in vulnerable neighborhoods.

2. We wrote a letter to NID, expressing concerns about locked gates along the access road going down to the dam, and across, from Pasquale Road. If westerly routes toward town are blocked by fire, people want to be able to use the over-the-dam road that eventually connects to highway 20. In response to our issues, we had a meeting with Ricki Heck, our NID Director, and then with a subcommittee of the full NID Board. They assured us that the gates on top of the dam would not be locked except in emergency situations (such as in response to a terrorist threat), and that the NID gates have breakaway-style locks. Keys are in the hands of first responders, but is that good enough if they are also blocked from getting to us?

3. We have also reached out to Consolidated Fire with the idea that we’d like to explore an audible emergency alarm system in Cascade Shores. This is not to replace or compete with current alerting systems or to interfere with evacuation protocols. Such a system would be used to simply alert residents that “something is going on” and that they should take heed. The idea is to give everyone a head start on preparing for a possible evacuation. We all agree that having a few minutes more to prepare for evacuation could make a huge difference.

Chief Turner has responded by proposing a joint meeting on May 22 that would involve Cascade Shores and Banner Mountain residents who have the same interests

in an alarm and share our concerns about evacuation. We expect that first responders and county officials will attend. This will be another chance for us, covering a bigger area, to demand some changes. Business as usual should not be the answer to the new fire realities we face. Meeting details: Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 PM, Board of Supervisors’ Chamber, County Rood Center, Nevada City. Please attend and be prepared to ask questions.

Kent Rees, Cascade Shores Firewise Committee  
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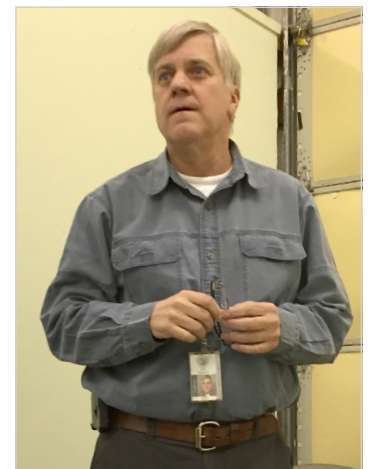
Joan Hardy discusses the importance of a battery powered radio.



Kent Rees stresses the need for reflective address plates.



Residents attend the Fire Safety and Evacuation meeting in January.



John Gulserian from OES talks about evacuations.

## CSHA Annual Meeting at the Firehouse

Saturday, April 6 • 1 pm

Meet your neighbors and CSHA Board Members  
and hear what’s going on in Cascade Shores.

Get an update on plans for 2019.

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

# Fighting Fire for Five Years

Our local fire safety organization, the Firewise Committee, has now been active in Cascade Shores for five years. You have no doubt seen our summer signs reminding our residents of the fire danger. We have accomplished much over these five years:

1. Held many wildfire information/education sessions.
2. Canvassed neighborhoods and talked to residents about fire issues.
3. Wrote many articles for this newsletter.
4. Coordinated eight AmeriCorps clean-up projects.
5. Put over forty residents “on notice” regarding unsafe properties.
6. Conducted at least two dozen “Defensible Space Advisory Visits.”
7. Hosted a practice fire drill for several fire agencies.
8. Participated in “pulls” designed to rid neighborhoods of dangerous Scotch Broom.
9. Worked closely with the CSHA to lobby for better alerting and safer evacuation routes.
10. Organized a fire information “red box” at the General Store.
11. Worked with fire agencies to improve inspection and prevention practices.
12. Shared ideas through the Coalition of Firewise Communities.

You may remember what Smoky Bear says: “Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires.”

Since most wildfires are caused by humans and our forests are more vulnerable than ever, this reminder needs to be taken much more seriously today. Most of our Firewise Committee efforts have centered on education and motivating people to do the right thing such as cleaning up their properties, planning for evacuation, and developing safe practices. Everyone needs to take personal responsibility and to learn about what can be done to reduce our risk of fire. We can't do it without YOU in the picture.

Thank you, Cascade Shores, for supporting our work and recognizing that fire is everyone's fight. Please contact Jan at 530-265-2435 for fire issue questions.

Cascade Shores Firewise Committee  
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# Security Patrol

As of October, I have been providing the security patrol service to CSHA members who purchased the enhanced membership. I check on homes weekly to make sure that doors are secure and everything looks OK. 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.

So far in my rounds, I have found open doors and storm damage with trees and lines down. Luckily, I have not had any issues with trespassers or vandalism. If I find something of note, I communicate immediately via phone or e-mail.

Please remember that security patrol is not law enforcement.

If you have issues or concerns like people stealing mail out of our 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 having security patrol 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 \$175 a year, which includes a weekly inspection of your home (April 1 to March 31). Here is a quick summary of what CSHA Security Patrol provides for “Enhanced Membership” CSHA members:

## **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.



# Lost Mine Lake Spring 2019

The Board has had a busy year at Lost Mine Lake. We have completed the painting of the buildings, upgraded the electrical panels and started the installation of an aeration system to improve the water quality and inhibit weed growth.

The focus this year is to complete installation of the aeration system by installing the remaining 5 bubbler heads throughout the lake. The 3 initial bubbler heads installed last summer have demonstrated an improvement in the reduction of the bladderwort weed.

Aeration of bodies of water that do not have a natural flow is a proven method of improving the overall health of the water and inhibiting weed growth which has been a major issue for Lost Mine Lake.

The completion of the aeration project is estimated to be \$3,000. We need to purchase at least 1,500 feet of airline that is very heavy and thus, very expensive to ship. This is going to put a substantial load on the HOA budget and limit our ability to make additional improvements at Lost Mine Lake.

The Board feels this project will provide a major long term benefit with minimal maintenance for the lake. We are asking any of our members if they would be so kind as to contribute any additional amount over their membership fee to the aeration project.

Future plans for the lake are to install permanent lighting for the parking lot and the lawn area. This will improve safety and also be an enhancement for future lake rentals.

I would like to thank my fellow Board Members for their support and labor which has been substantial. A special thanks to our Lost Mine Lake Assistant, Andrew Guevel. Without his help this project would still be in the planning stages.

Doug Gloff  
LML Supervisor, Vice President of CSHA

# Lost Mine Lake Party Rentals

2019 was a great year for private parties at the Lost Mine Lake Pavilion. Rentals are affordable and available to both CSHA members and non-members as follows:

## **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

## **Pre & Post wedding day rental fees:**

CSHA Members \$85    Non-Members \$125

For Information and Reservations Contact: Leslie Grassi;  
E-mail: lesgrassi@yahoo.com Phone: 530-478-0386

\*Cascade Shores residents who are not members of the Homeowner's Association receive a complimentary membership for the remainder of the current membership year by paying the full day non-member rental fee.



## **We Need You!**

The Cascade Shores Homeowner's 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 2019. Please consider joining the board to help us make Cascade Shores the best it can be.

If you are interested in serving on the board or have any questions, please call or e-mail any board member. See the last page of this newsletter for board member contact information. Better yet, come to the annual meeting on April 6th.

## **Lost Mine Lake Clean-up Day Saturday, May 11 • 9 am**

Taking care of our Lost Mine Lake property is all done by volunteers and 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.

# Join CSHA!

## YOUR \$125 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- **Dues are voluntary and affordable**
- **About 20-50% discount on propane**  
The discount varies depending on membership. More members mean bigger discounts.
- **Summer events that include:**
  - Family Outdoor Movies at the Firehouse  
*One Friday night each in July and August at Lost Mine Lake. Popcorn and drinks provided.*  
**Everyone is welcome!**
  - Several Thursday Nights in June-August BBQs  
*The coals will be ready and the utensils, plates, cups, napkins and condiments will be provided. Bring something to grill and a little something to share*  
**Everyone is welcome!**
  - Community Yard Sale  
*We do the advertising for you.*  
**Everyone is welcome!**
- **Full use of our private Lost Mine Lake**
- **Rental Discount of Lost Mine Lake Pavilion** for your private events.
- **A strong, collective voice heard with the county officials**
- **Informative website**
- **Members Only Facebook page**
- **Community newsletter**
- **Help with code enforcement, fire safety and defensible space**
- **Private security patrol with “Enhanced Membership”**

Your dues provide a discount on propane from Suburban Propane (see the chart below for a comparison of member to non-member pricing), provide for maintenance of the Lost Mine Lake facilities and to fund the many activities that are available to all residents of Cascade Shores.

## Propane

In case you haven't heard, you can save big bucks on Suburban Propane by joining the Cascade Shores Homeowner's Association. The difference in the non-member and member price is usually around \$2 a gallon. One tank alone would more than pay for your membership for the year. So, what are you waiting for? Also, you can go down to Suburban's station [www.cascadeshores.org](http://www.cascadeshores.org)

at 12575 Charles Drive in Grass Valley and fill your portable tanks or motor home for the same great savings. Who doesn't want to save that kind of money on fuel these days?

If you are a member but not a Suburban customer, it is easy to switch. Just call Suburban at (530) 273-6113 and tell them you would like to change over. They will come out to your house, transfer any remaining propane in your existing tank to a Suburban tank, and set aside your old tank so all you need to do is call your old supplier for pick-up.

If you are not a CSHA member and would like to join, just fill out the enclosed application and mail in your check. You will receive your new membership card and your name will be submitted to Suburban for your discount. You must be a current member in order to receive the discount.

Propane price per gallon for Members vs. Non-Members June 2018 – February 2019			
Month	Feb 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2018
Member	2.40	2.38	2.40
Non-Member	4.62	3.90	4.54
Month	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018
Member	2.34	2.10	2.03
Non-Member	4.49	4.10	4.04
Month	Aug 2018	Jul 2018	Jun 2018
Member	1.99	1.97	1.95
Non-Member	4.00	4.19	3.96

## Join the Grand Jury and See Nevada County

The Nevada County Grand Jury is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 year with service beginning July 2019. For an application, go to [grandjury@nccourt.net](mailto:grandjury@nccourt.net) or call (530) 265-1730. Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime to serve your community.

# 2019 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 3</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
<b>April 6</b>	Saturday	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>April 10</b>	Wednesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>May 1</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
<b>May 8</b>	Wednesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>May 11</b>	Saturday	<b>Lost Mine Lake Clean-Up Day</b>	9 am	Lost Mine Lake
<b>June 5</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>June 12</b>	Wednesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>June 27</b>	Thursday	<b>BBQ at the Lake</b>	6:00 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>July 3</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>July 10</b>	Wednesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>July 11, 25</b>	Thursdays	<b>BBQ at the Lake</b>	6:00 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>August 7</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>August 8, 22</b>	Thursdays	<b>BBQ at the Lake</b>	6:00 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>August 14</b>	Wednesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>September 4</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
<b>September 7</b>	Saturday	<b>Community Yard Sale</b>	8 am	Firehouse
<b>September 11</b>	Wednesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>October</b>		Fall Newsletter E-mailed		
<b>October 2</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
<b>October 9</b>	Wednesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>November 6</b>	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
<b>November 13</b>	Wednesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse
<b>- No Board Meeting in December -</b>				
<b>December 7</b>	Saturday	<b>CSHA Christmas Party</b>	6 pm	TBD
<b>December 11</b>	Wednesday	Ladies Game Day	1 pm	Firehouse

## Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Saturday, May 4 • 10 am to 4 pm

Nevada County Rood Center Parking Lot

The Firesafe Council will be sponsoring several displays and events designed to inform the public about wildfire danger and what people can do to become prepared. Various first responders including many local fire agencies will be represented. Additionally, the Kiwanis Club will conduct a Kid's Safety Carnival at the same venue, highlighting issues of child safety and access to resources.

It should be a fun and educational day for both adults and kids.

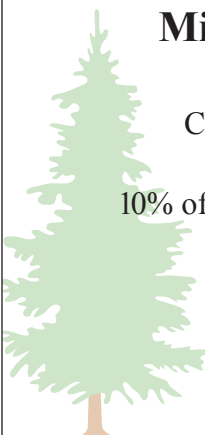
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# Cascade Shores Homeowner's Association

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 2019-20

<b>President:</b> Roads	<b>Harry Wander</b>	hwander@comcast.net	530-264-7359
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<b>Board Member:</b> Newsletter, Website Liaison, Lost Mine Lake Rental Contact	<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 3 days prior to the meeting. Participation by CSHA Members in board discussions is welcomed. Come meet your neighbors and help us to make Cascade Shores a welcoming place to live.