



Cascade Connections

CSHA Newsletter • Spring 2020

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President's Message

The Cascade Shores Homeowners' Association continues to do well. We finished 2019 with 161 members. Our propane discount is currently 49%, a strong encouragement for people to join. Membership is very important, as maintaining and improving the Lost Mine Lake facility requires a significant cash flow.

Many Cascade Shores residents have seen either large increases in their fire insurance premiums or outright refusal to renew. One thing which may help in negotiating is to point out that we have received national recognition as a Firewise Community and that was before PG&E began cutting down a huge number of trees in Cascade Shores. There has also been a significant improvement in the fire safety of almost all the properties by removal of excess bushes and small trees.

The annual Christmas dinner party was attended by 38 people. There might have been more, but due to unforeseen circumstances we had to change the date to one much closer to Christmas than is usual. We plan on returning to an early December date this year.

We have 3 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 me or another Board member. The election will be prior to the April annual meeting. The term in office is 2 years. However, you do not need to wait for the annual election, as we can always make interim appointments.

We are looking forward to another successful year.

Harry Wander, CSHA President.

Fire & Evacuation Drill

Wildfire prevention and what to do if a fire occurs is a major concern of many of the residents of Cascade Shores. Fortunately, these are also major concerns of the various agencies that would be involved in such an emergency. Cal Fire, the Consolidated Fire District, the Sheriff's Department, the Office of Emergency Services and the Firewise Committees are working together on ways to prevent wildfires and what to do if such should occur.

As part of this planning, there will be a fire and evacuation drill on Sunday, May 31, 2020. It will be held in the Banner Mountain/Cascade Shores area this year and be sponsored by CAL FIRE. Fire crews and equipment will arrive in identified neighborhoods to practice drills. Law enforcement and other first responders will also be on hand for simulated events such as traffic collisions, medical issues or other emergencies. In addition, there will be an actual practice evacuation for ALL Banner Mountain and Cascade Shores residents via Nevada County's Code Red alert system. This is quite important, as it will give us a chance to practice an evacuation.

Please be sure you are signed up for Code Red through Nevada County's website: <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/1182/Office-of-Emergency-Services>.

In certain neighborhoods there will be volunteer homeowners for various fire exercises and role playing. Joan Hardy will be the coordinator for Cascade Shores. Contact Joan at: jhardy@comcast.net or 530-470-0196.

This will be an important exercise and we hope there will be a high degree of participation.

CSHA Annual Meeting at the Firehouse

Saturday, April 4, Lunch 12 pm • Meeting begins at 1 pm

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

Guest Speaker: Jenn Tamo from the Office of Emergency Services

Jenn will give us an update on what's being done about fire safety and evacuation.

Lunch will be served courtesy of Suburban Propane.

Cascade Shores Firewise Committee

Changes Ahead - Help Needed

The Cascade Shores Firewise Committee started nearly eight years ago, taking direction from the local Fire Safe Council to make Cascade Shores a certified “Firewise Community,” part of a nationwide program developed by the National Fire Protection Association. Since then, we’ve been annually renewed and have accomplished much, putting wildfire safety front and center as a concern in our community.

The founding members of our Committee are stepping down from leadership positions. New members with new ideas are needed in order to carry on this important work in a critical fire environment. Even if part-timers could take a small piece of the projects, we would be in good shape going forward.

If you want to be part of a continuing commitment to fire safety in Cascade Shores, attend our information workshop immediately following the annual firehouse meeting of the CSHA, 1:00 PM, Saturday, April 4. Please stick around to learn about our activities and to see how you might be able to help.

Here are the kinds of things we have been doing over these past years. Few of these are “locked in,” as the activities can be tailored to the desires of the committee members. If you want a robust Firewise Community to continue with vital work such as this, please attend our information/workshop right after the annual Association meeting. You can contact Joan Hardy at 530-470-0196 for any questions.

What We’ve Been Doing:

- Put up seasonal fire safety signs throughout our community.
- Wrote many fire safety articles in our local newsletter.
- Initiated the use of a “30-day clean-up notice” to motivate owners.
- Held annual “education days” to inform the public.
- Hosted guest speakers on education days and at HOA events.
- Organized several AmeriCorps clean-up projects in our area.
- Lobbied for an evacuation alarm system.

- Distributed “welcome packets” with safety information to new residents.
- Organized several Scotch Broom pulls in affected neighborhoods.
- Hosted a mock fire emergency training drill and followed up with letters to our most vulnerable residents.
- Canvassed neighborhoods for “dirty” properties, getting to know residents and their concerns.
- Conducted many “Defensible Space Advisory Visits.”
- Published and distributed a Cascade Shores Evacuation Guide.
- Set annual goals reflecting the priorities outlined in our Hazard Report.
- Shared our experiences with other Firewise Communities within the Coalition of Firewise Communities.
- Coordinated a fuel reductions program with NID, providing safer emergency access over the dam.
- Appealed to the county for brush clearing on the steep hill and to PG&E for removal of dead trees.
- Set up an information “red box” at the General Store.

New Plan for the Community Yard Sale

At last year’s Community Yard Sale held at the Firehouse many residents mentioned that they would have participated had they been able to hold the sale at their own home. Many of you may remember when we printed maps showing the participating homes and put them out in front of the store for shoppers to pick up. We’ve decided that we would return to that way of doing it again. We will still take care of all of the advertising, social media, signage and preparation of the maps.

With the advent of social media shoppers will be able to download the map to their devices from Next Door and other web sites making it much more fun. We will also be moving the sale to Saturday, September 5th on Labor Day Weekend.

So, plan ahead and start cleaning out the closets, garage, attic and sheds. You’ll have plenty of time to clean out that pesky crammed full storage locker too! If you have any questions, comments or suggestions e-mail us at cshayardsale@yahoo.com.

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 _____

<p>Hours spent cleaning your property: Dry debris, limbing trees, felling dangerous trees, burning, hauling, trimming, chipping, etc.</p>	
<p>\$ spent cleaning your property including: Purchase of equipment, gasoline/other supplies, dump fees professional help, etc.</p>	
<p>\$ 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.</p>	
<p>Miles driven to complete any activity above</p>	

Security Report

I am the security patrol service provider to CSHA members who have purchased the enhanced membership. After taking over from Tom Bennett in September 2018.

As the patrol person, 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. If necessary, I would also contact law enforcement

In my rounds, I have found open doors, trash from bears strewn around, 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.

I would highly encourage anyone who is not a permanent resident to sign up for the security patrol or at the very least, to join the association. Last year, for example, a resident who is not an association member sustained serious tree damage to his house and left his garage door open for weeks. No one had his contact information handy so both issues went un-addressed for quite a while.

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 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":

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 2020

The major focus for LML this year will be maintenance. There will be painting of the tool shed, the BBQ pit and replacement of the kitchen floor. We also plan to replace the fence around the memorial garden. There will be tree trimming and replacement of the log barriers in the parking lot. The parking lot will see new gravel and the beach new sand.

A new project being planned is to build a wooden bridge over the drainage ditch next to the kitchen that will support a vehicle. This will allow removal for cleaning of the ditch.

The aeration system for the lake has resulted in a substantial reduction of bladderwort weeds and has improved water clarity. This was a major expenditure and required a great deal of labor. Thanks to all of you that contributed.

Lighting has been installed for the parking lot and lawn area to allow longer use and improve safety.

We have had a problem with trash being dumped and we have taken measures to address the issue.

Andrew Guevel and I look forward to a good turnout for cleanup day at LML. We are the primary labor at LML and welcome any help offered.

Doug Gloff, LML Supervisor and VP CSHA

Lost Mine Lake Clean-up Day

Saturday, May 9 • 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.

Please bring garden tools if you can: rakes, shovels, weed eaters, etc., and don't forget your gloves, a hat and sunscreen.

Refreshments will be served.

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

Join CSHA!

Your \$125 Annual Membership Includes:

- **Dues are voluntary and affordable.**
As a CSHA member, you will be part of a community that values safety, quality of life, negotiated low cost propane prices and access and use of the Lost Mine Lake property. The collaboration of the Firewise Committee and the CSHA Board acts in the best interest of the members and whose goal is to provide essential public information updates and announcements.
- **A strong, collective voice heard with county officials.**
Representation at City, County and State venues, and as a conduit to express wishes and grievances of local importance.
- **Full use of our private Lost Mine Lake**
- **Rental Discount of Lost Mine Lake Pavilion for your private events.**
- **Summer events that include:**
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 for yourself and a little something to share.
Everyone is welcome!
Community Yard Sale at your home
Every September. We do the advertising for you.
Everyone is welcome!
- **About 40-50% discount on propane**
The discount varies depending on membership and season. More members mean bigger discounts.
- **Informative website www.cascadeshores.org**
- **Members only Facebook page**
- **Community newsletter**
- **Help with code enforcement, fire safety and defensible space**
- **Private security patrol with “Enhanced Membership”**
- **CSHA membership in the Fire Safe Council offers a chipping consultant to homeowners and scheduled service to chip piles.**

Your dues entitle you to a discount on propane from Suburban Propane. Your dues in turn provide for the improvement and maintenance of the Lost Mine Lake www.cascadeshores.org

facilities and to fund the many activities that are available to all residents of Cascade Shores.

Propane

Cascade Shores Homeowners’ Association has preferred vendor pricing from Suburban Propane. Effective 3/1/2020, the pricing and the offerings from Suburban were refreshed as shown below:

- New competitive pricing (set at fixed margin of \$1.10 above Suburban’s variable cost)
For instance, price as of 2/27/20 = \$2.30 per gallon
- First fill rate for new accounts = \$1.87 per gallon
- Same discounted pricing offered for automatic delivery and will-call.
- Annual tank rental fees for newly established accounts waived for two years (total savings of \$130.00)
Subsequent rental fees = \$65.00 per year.
- Reliable 7-10-day delivery window on will-call orders.
- Continued low delivery fees.
- Referral program offers 35 free gallons for each referral (no cap).
- Portable tanks and RVs filled at Suburban’s Grass Valley location (12575 Charles Drive, Grass Valley) at the same discounted prices.

During the last nine months (June 2019-February 2020), average member propane pricing of \$2.55 was \$2.24 less than non-member pricing of \$4.79 (a savings of 47%). The new competitive pricing will provide members an even bigger discount and the new offerings will make it easier to select Suburban as your propane vendor.

If you are a member of CSHA, but not a Suburban customer, call them at (530) 273-6113 to change over. They will come to your home, transfer any remaining propane in your existing tank to the Suburban tank, and set aside your old tank so that your old supplier can pick it up.

If you are not a member of CSHA and would like to join to receive the propane discount, just fill out the enclosed application and mail in your check to the address shown on the application. You will then receive a membership card and your name will be submitted to Suburban. Note that you must be a current member to receive a discount.

2020 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.

April 1	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
April 4	Saturday	CSHA Annual Meeting	1 pm	Firehouse
May 6	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
May 9	Saturday	Lost Mine Lake Clean-up Day	9 am	Lost Mine Lake
May 31	Sunday	Fire & Evacuation Drill	All day	Cascade Shores
June 3	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
June 25	Thursday	BBQ at the Lake	6 pm	Lost Mine Lake
July 1	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
July 9,23	Thursday	BBQ's at the Lake	6 pm	Lost Mine Lake
August 5	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
August 6,20	Thursday	BBQ's at the Lake	6 pm	Lost Mine Lake
September 2	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
September 5	Saturday	Community Yard Sale	8 am-2 pm	Your House
September 19	Saturday	Volunteer Picnic	4 pm	Lost Mine Lake
October	<i>- Fall Newsletter E-mailed -</i>			
October 7	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
November 4	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
<i>- No Board Meeting in December -</i>				
December 5	Saturday	CSHA Christmas Party	6 pm	Lefty's Nevada City

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're looking for additional CSHA members to join the board beginning April 2020. Please consider joining the board to help us make Cascade Shores the best it can be.

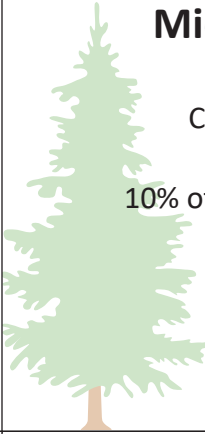
If you are interested in serving on the board or have any questions, please call or e-mail any board member. See the last page of this newsletter for board member contact information. Better yet, come to the annual meeting on April 4th.

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Advertise with CSHA

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 at **clester4300@aol.com**.
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.

Current CSHA Board Members 2019-20

President: Roads	Harry Wander	hjwander@comcast.net	530-264-7359
Vice President: Lost Mine Lake Supervisor	Doug Gloff	dglhoff12@hotmail.com	530-470-8643
Treasurer: Membership, Propane	Cheryl Lester	clester4300@aol.com	408-656-9382
Secretary: Newsletter, Website Liaison, Lost Mine Lake Rental Contact, Facebook	Leslie Grassi	lesgrassi@yahoo.com	530-478-0386
Security Patrol	Liz Kellar	lkellar@hotmail.com	530-559-9269
Board Member: Lost Mine Lake Assistant	Andrew Guevel	akguevel@comcast.net	530-264-5020

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.