



Cascade Connections

CSHA Newsletter • Spring 2023

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President's Message

This has been another eventful year for Cascade Shores homeowners. The Snowmageddon in 2022 was thought to be a rare event. Then we had another this winter as we saw a repeat with Snowmageddon II. There was some improvement in the Road Department's response to plowing and sanding the roadways, but numerous appeals to YubaNet to post the status of Pasquale, Banner Quaker Hill and Red Dog Roads went all but unanswered. Calling Pasquale "passable" when it was down to less than a one-lane road and frequently blocked by cars that were not equipped with 4-wheel or all-wheel drive was certainly challenging.

Many residents again had no propane, electricity or internet for two weeks or more. Despite PG&E removing many trees, power lines were rendered inoperable by trees falling on them. I believe it would have been much better if they had just spent the money on burying the power lines.

Because of the persistent bad weather and the electrical communication problems it causes, the CSHA Board of Directors has decided to postpone the annual meeting until the first Saturday in May 2023 at the Cascade Shores firehouse. We hope many residents will attend. We think the meeting will be informative with Pat Perkins, Chief Civil Engineer of Nevada County, and Ricki Heck, NID Director available to answer your questions and address your concerns.

Because the weather is sometimes bad in early April and typically good in early May, the Board has proposed a Bylaws amendment to permanently change the annual meeting date to the first Saturday in May. As of this writing, we are awaiting the vote of the membership on this amendment.

The association continues to do well, although we have experienced a drop in membership. We have 129 members, as compared with 139 members at this time last year and 144 members the year before that. Fortunately, numerous members have made cash donations, in addition to their dues. This has been most helpful, as

considerable expense is involved in maintaining the Lost Mine Lake facility.

The number of Board of Directors is still below the maximum. As there is no contest for a seat on the Board, we decided to not incur the expense of mailing out ballots.

I hope all members are happy and in good health and will continue to be so. We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting in May.

Harry Wander, President

CSHA Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 6 • 1 pm

Firehouse, 16528 Pasquale Road

The speakers at the Annual Membership meeting will be Ricki Heck, NID Director and Pat Perkins, Chief Civil Engineer of Nevada County.

Director Heck will discuss the upcoming work plan for the dam at Scotts Flat Lake. The spillway is in need of some seismic repairs and NID has an approved contract to deal with these issues. Furthermore, Ricki will discuss upcoming enhancements to the campground and recreational facilities that will be taking place in the upcoming years. Since the drought has eased due to this winter's massive precipitation, NID is beginning to address future droughts with conservation efforts and increased water storage capabilities.

Pat Perkins will be discussing any plans for improving Pasquale and Banner Quaker Hill Roads and any future plans for the sewer treatment plant and answer other questions about roads and infrastructure.

You are encouraged to attend and have your questions answered. Come meet your neighbors and Board members and hear what's going on in the Shores.

Treasurer's Corner

FY2022 and Projected FY2023 Budget

Beginning cash balance at 4/1/2022 was \$3,750.

Cash Receipts: Cash receipts of \$21,445 included membership dues for basic and enhanced members of \$17,675, donations of \$2,385, and Lost Mine Lake (LML) rentals and newsletter ads of \$1,385. We were over our receipts budget of \$20,405 by \$1,040 primarily from generous member donations.

Cash Expenditures: Expenses are broken down into two main categories: 1) LML maintenance, supplies, and improvements, and 2) Administrative costs. Total expenditures for the year were \$21,758.

LML expense of \$13,349 included the purchase of the first of two compressors needed to maintain the clarity and quality of LML, the refurbishment of the Memorial Garden, labor to maintain drainage ditches, and routine supplies to keep the lake clean and safe. Also in this category are liability insurance, utilities, and property taxes. Expenses were over budget by \$449 primarily for the purchase of the compressor.

Administrative costs totaled \$8,409 compared to the budget of \$8,750 and included expenditures for home monitoring reimbursement, D&O insurance, member outreach and communications (newsletters, stamps, office supplies, and recruitment of new members), a member appreciation party for members who had donated their time or financial support to the Homeowners Association, and rental fees for the Firehouse on Pasquale Road.

Ending Cash Balance: Cash balance at 3/31/2023 is \$3,440. Expected expenditures for the Spring Newsletter and the Firehouse cleaning were pushed into FY2023.

Projected FY2023 Budget: Our projected budget for FY2023 includes \$19,955 in receipts, assuming 118 new paid memberships, donations of \$1,800, and LML rentals and ads of \$930 (compared to \$21,445 in FY2022), \$19,505 in expenditures including amounts for LML of \$10,940, and administrative costs of \$8,565 (versus \$21,760 total in prior year), and an ending cash balance of \$3,890.

Submitted by Cheryl Lester, MBA, CPA
CSHA Treasurer and Membership Chair

Lost Mine Lake 2023

Lost Mine Lake took a hit this winter with tree damage and the drainage ditch filling with gravel. Michael Cotton lent his skills to help trim the damaged trees and Sean O'Brien came with his backhoe to clean the ditch. The drain pipes are going to require additional work and a few dead trees still need to be removed.

The aeration system has been turned off until funds are available to replace the second compressor. Repairs are scheduled for early spring.

We lost a long-time LML volunteer this past year. Ninety-nine year old O'Neil LeFrancois has always been there with his backhoe for projects at LML. Soon, there will be a plaque and a tree planted in the memorial garden in his memory. His son, Jim has been carrying on O'Neil's tradition of volunteering.

This year there are plans to repair the swing set and erect barriers on the hiking trail to address the issue of trespassing ATVs. Due to declining membership the purchase of a new play structure has been put on hold. I had estimated the cost to be under \$2,300. If you would like to contribute any amount to this project, please designate if any extra contributions are meant for the play structure fund. Also, encourage your neighbors to join the HOA.

May 13th is clean-up day at the lake. We hope to see new faces. Based on past history, there will be the regulars who have been showing up for years. Take a couple of hours to support your association.

Andrew Guevel and I will be spending the summer keeping LML in good shape and look forward to our members enjoying the rustic beauty of the lake. Andrew and I are very grateful for the generous donations by the members.

Doug Gloff

Lost Mine Lake Supervisor & Vice President of CSHA

Thursday Night BBQs at Lost Mine Lake

June 29/July 13, 27/August 17, 31 • 6pm

The coals will be ready and the utensils, plates, cups, napkins and condiments will be provided. Lost Mine Lake looks great, come check it out and meet the CSHA board members and your neighbors.

Bring something to grill for yourself
and a little something to share.

No Siren for Cascade Shores

Many Cascade Shores residents have expressed interest in a siren to alert us in the event of a need to evacuate due to a fire emergency. A siren committee was formed and Kathy Eldredge volunteered to do a detailed investigation of the feasibility of a siren. Unfortunately the response from Nevada County Office of Emergency Services was a resounding 'NO'. The following is the response from Craig Griesbach, Director of the OES for Nevada County.

"At this time, we would not be able to support the placement of a siren in your community. There are many variables from training on what the siren means, maintenance, control/operation, etc. This may cause more confusion than clear direction in the event of an emergency which none of us want."

Kathy did an amazing amount of research on this project and presentation of our concerns to the OES and Nevada County, but Cascade Shores is simply not a priority. Apparently the residents of Downieville and Washington were able to be trained on the use of a siren and what it means but the residents of Cascade Shores are not. If you have concerns please voice them with our Nevada County Supervisor Heidi Hall by e-mail at heidi.hall@nevadacountyca.gov or call 530-265-1480 and/or e-mail Craig Griesbach, Director of OES for Nevada County at Craig.Griesbach@nevadacountyca.gov or call him at 530-265-1583.

In the fall CSHA also communicated to Supervisor Hall about, at the very least, marking the roads with reflective evacuation signs leading residents to Highway 20 via Chalk Bluff Road. Should Banner Quaker Hill and Pasquale Road be blocked this could be our only means of escape, but this too has fallen on deaf ears. It seems Cascade Shores is on its own when it comes to warnings and evacuations. At the Firewise Committee annual meeting on 10/8/22 at the Cascade Shores firehouse Jim Mathias from CalFire said "you can do it, a few signs can't cost that much" as if that is the issue. If we take it upon ourselves will there be repercussions? A mystery 'good samaritan' has painted directional arrows and '20' on trees leading the way but this could be an issue at night and as the paint deteriorates over time. It seems odd that the county, OES and first responders would rather have citizens deciding the best way to get to Chalk Bluff Road, but that seems to be where we are at right now.

www.cascadeshores.org

Important Phone Numbers

EMERGENICES CALL 911

(all 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

OUR SUPERVISOR: Heidi Hall 265-1480

or email: heidi.hall@nevadacountyca.gov

NEVADA COUNTRY ROAD SERVICE MANAGER

John Veasey:..... 470-2821

e-mail: John.Veasey@nevadacountyca.gov

DIRECTOR OF OES FOR NEVADA COUNTY

Craig Griesback. 265-1583

e-mail: Craig.Griesbach@nevadacountyca.gov

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 when it comes to our roads and our ability to evacuate should it be necessary. 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.

Cascade Shores FireWise Committee

You might have heard mention around "The Shores" that we are a Firewise community but you might be uncertain what that means. The Firewise USA recognition program is administered by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and provides a collaborative framework to help neighbors in a geographic area get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community and to reduce wildfire risks at the local level.

This Firewise designation helps distinguish our community as one that focuses on preparing and reducing risk for wildfire in our community by providing education on various topics such as how to keep a defensible space around your home and hardening your home against wildfire, it also helps us obtain and reduce the price of homeowners fire insurance.

In order to keep our designation as a Firewise community we need to engage in various educational events and community outreach activities throughout the year in addition to tracking hours to provide evidence that residents perform Firewise activities around their homes.

Last spring our Firewise committee, with the help of many wonderful community volunteers, put on a couple different events to improve the fire preparedness throughout the Shores. We plan to continue these efforts this spring by having a neighborhood brush clearing and

chipping event and finding a "neighbor in need" that due to disability or other circumstance, might benefit from having support with some clearing of brush on their property.

Did you know? As a Firewise community we have a couple of wonderful volunteers that are trained to do defensible space assessments on your property, FOR FREE! These assessments can help you determine what to prioritize to make your property more defensible against wildfire. We all choose to live in this beautiful "high fire area" for multiple different reasons and we cannot count on others to make our community safe against fire. We each need to do our part and we need to come together to ensure that as a community we are as prepared as possible for a fire. Please prioritize having a defensible space assessment done and please work to keep your property clean and clear of brush and debris that would fuel a wildfire.

Keeping our Firewise status is not an easy task and currently our Firewise committee is made up of just a few members. We need your help! Please consider joining our committee or offering your help throughout the year for various events or other tasks that need to be done. Please contact Christina Sloane if you would like to learn more about how you can get involved 707-484-1918.

Christina Sloane, LMFT (formerly Trimble)

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 \$200 per year, which includes weekly monitoring of your home (April 1 to March 31, weather permitting).

Clay Glanz & Leslie Grassi, Home Monitoring Team
www.cascadeshores.org

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.	
Miles driven to complete any activity above	



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 and rental of the pavilion and kitchen for your private events.**

- **Summer events that include:**

Several Thursday Nights 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. This year's yard sale is on September 2.

Everyone is welcome!

- **About 40-50% discount on propane**

The discount varies depending on the season.

- **Informative website:** www.cascadeshores.org

- **Members only Facebook page and community newsletter**

- **Private home monitoring patrol with "Enhanced Membership"** Go to www.cascadeshores.org for more information

- **Help with code enforcement, fire safety and defensible space**

- **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 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 4/2/22 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).
- Same discounted pricing offered for automatic delivery and will-call.
- Annual tank rental fees for newly established accounts waived for two years, a total savings of \$130.00.
Subsequent rental fees: \$65.00 per year.
Non-member rental pricing:
250 gallon tank - \$135.00 per year
500 gallon tank - \$150.00 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).
- RVs or portable tanks filled at Suburban's Grass Valley location, 12575 Charles Drive, Grass Valley, OR portable tanks can be filled at the time of delivery to your home for the same discounted price during spring and summer months only.
- 24/7 Emergency service.

From April 2022-January 2023 the average member propane pricing of \$2.93 was \$3.08 less than non-member pricing of \$6.19 (an average savings of 50%). 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.

Service Provider List



Michael's Personalized Tree Service
 Certified Arborist WE7065A
 Defensible Space Contractor SCL#723619
 10% off any job for members of CSHA
 Senior Discounts
 Michael Cotton, Owner
530-265-5724 (office)
530-559-2408 (cell)
michaelthearborist.com

Randall's Computer Service
 Expert repairs and service for Desktop, Laptop, iPhone, Android Phone, and Tablets.
 Also service/installation and repairs of Home Audio/Video systems and many other electronic devices.
 Tutoring and House Calls available.
 Local Cascade Shores Resident.
 10% discount for Locals.
530-478-9033

Harry J. Wander, MD, FAAP
 Sutter Medical Foundation Yuba City
 Sr. Aviation Medical Examiner
 (All classes of FAA medical exams)
530-749-3530
Fax 530-749-3439

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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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 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, Lost Mine Lake Rentals, Yard Sale	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	tmcateer@icsos.us	530-273-2776
Board Member: Member-at-large	Dave Robson	dave@robsoncustomhomes.com	913-636-6384
Firewise Committee Contact	Christina Sloane	ctrimble2@yahoo.se	530-265-2648

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 each month at 5:30pm. October-May at the firehouse, June-September at Lost Mine Lake.