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## SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER

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The latest project from the Forest Trails Alliance (the volunteer group involved in the Hirschman's Trail) preparing for the suspension bridge crossing Deer Creek in Nevada City. Check out the group's Facebook page. Also, they are looking for volunteers.

### How Fire Safe Is Our Community?

How fire safe is our community? What can you do to increase the chance that your home can be protected in the event of a wildfire?

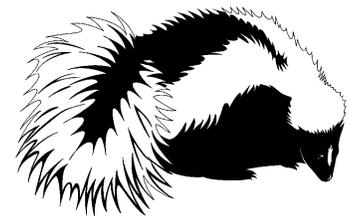
The chance that a structure will withstand a wildland fire is greatly improved when the property around it is adequately prepared. With that idea in mind, in 2011, through the efforts of Jeanette Clark and others, GCHNA partnered with the Firesafe

Council of Nevada County and earned Firewise Community/USA recognition. It means that we have committed to encouraging action that minimizes home loss to wildfire.

Each year GCHNA develops an Action Plan to fulfill our responsibility to maintain this Firewise Community designation. This plan is included in this newsletter. We want our members to know about the services available through the Firesafe Council ([www.areasyoufiresafe](http://www.areasyoufiresafe)) like the free

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GCHNA 2014 Meeting Dates	
Monday, 5 May 2014	
Monday, 7 July 2014	
Monday, 8 September 2014	
GCHNA Picnic September 21	
Monday, 3 November 2014	
7:00pm - 8:30pm	

one-on-one consultation to help homeowners comply with defensible space requirements defined later in this article. Check out the article on Creating Defensible Space Zones on the website for specific steps to consider. Fuels reduction efforts in our area are critical. Scotch Broom is a highly flammable invasive plant. The first GCHNA-sponsored Scotch Broom Pull occurred on April 4 and cleared sites along the county road right of way. Is there Scotch Broom growing on your property? Stop it now. Below is a summary of an article submitted by Cal-Fire to the Union about the defensible space guidelines for our community. Each of us has a responsibility to do as much as we can to prepare for a fire occurrence.

#### CAL-FIRE: CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE AROUND YOUR HOME

Inspectors from Cal Fire will be conducting defensible space inspections in Nevada County. "We live in an area where fire risk is already very high and with the drought, this year is on track to be a challenging fire season," said Nevada-Yuba-Placer Chief Brad Harris. "Creating and maintaining defensible space is critical for the protection of homes."

Defensible space inspections are supported by the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fee, which is an annual fee assessed to rural residents for fire prevention services.

California Public Resources Code 4291 requires homeowners living in our area to maintain 100 feet of defensible space around structures. Cal Fire inspectors will be educating residents and evaluating properties to make sure they are in compliance with state law. Here are some tips that can help homes survive wildfires:



- Remove all flammable vegetation 30 feet from all structures.
- In an additional 70 feet, space trees and plants away from each other.
- Clear all needles and leaves from roofs, eaves and rain gutters.
- Trim branches 6 feet from the ground.
- Use trimming, mowing and power equipment before 10 am and after 6 pm.
- Landscape with fire resistant plants.
- Use fire ignition resistant building material.

For more information on Defensible Space, visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org).

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## Steering Committee Update

By Ellen Hagan

Steering Committee Meetings were held January 6th and March 3rd. Attendees included: Alana Lucia, Terry Wagner, Eve Collins, Ellen Hagan, Susan Wiesner, Uli Paulin, Willie Brusin, Marty Pezzaglia, Bill Holman, Carl Plaza, and Bill Sheatsley. Here is a summary of what was discussed. Treasurer's report: The yearly audit was completed by Uli Paulin, Nancy Paulson, and Bob and Susie Willour

on Jan. 15th. There are no issues of concern. The 2014 budget (included in this newsletter) was approved. Newsletter: The Spring edition will be out in April. We invite all members to submit articles of interest to the neighborhood to Eve Collins or Ellen Hagan.

Membership: Memberships are coming in. 156 so far.

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Events: A Scotch Broom Pull using Americorps volunteers is scheduled for Cement Hill Road for Friday morning, April 4. Susan Wiesner and Carl Plaza are coordinating the event. GCHNA volunteers are needed.

Fire Safe Committee: Susan Wiesner has drafted the GCHNA Firewise Communities Action Plan for 2014-15 (included in this newsletter) and it has been reviewed. There is agreement that all the provisions are possible. The 2 "Firewise Community" signs presented to GCHNA by the FireSafe Council have yet to be displayed. Ellen Hagan will contact the County Planning Dept to find out the procedure for putting them up. FONAs: The 2014 executive committee consists of: President, Bob Goar; Vice President, Terry Wagner; Secretary, Don Besse; and Treasurer, Marty Pezzaglia.

NID: The CHCFD Guide Booklet is available from the NID website.

Website: Alana Lucia is using Word Press to update the website with the help of Kat Scholtz. Ideas to encourage greater use of the website include posting the waste management schedule and making the newsletter available on the website in a pdf file.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Providing our members with information on home security has been discussed. Uli Paulin will contact the Sheriff for data on security problems in our neighborhood. A meeting to share this information and prevention strategies with members will be considered.

Alana Lucia was voted unanimously as our new rep for Lower Cement Hill Road. A person still is needed to represent Crystal View Heights including Golden Oaks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The need for improving our ability to send email "blasts" to members and the advantages of sending the newsletter by email were discussed. Other issues of concern were road safety on Augustine during the last snowstorm and fire prevention strategies during this dry time.

The next meeting will be May 5th, 7-8:30, at the NCCFD Fire Station, Coyote St., Nevada City.

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**GCHNA Firewise Communities Action Plan for 2014-2015**

- 1) The Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association (GCHNA) will maintain a Firewise Committee to coordinate fire prevention activities and present to the GCHNA Steering Committee pertinent and current information on
  - Local fire threats,
  - Best practices for fire prevention,
  - Federal, State, and County statute compliance
  - Fire insurance issues
- 2) GCHNA will continue to promote Scotch Broom removal throughout the Community and will participate in the annual Scotch Broom Challenge Program sponsored by the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County (FSCNC). In 2014 it will coordinate an event focused on clearing this invasive and flammable plant along the sides Cement Hill Road which is a critical neighborhood evacuation route.
- 3) GCHNA will distribute via its periodic newsletter to mem-

bers and non-members an area map showing emergency access roads designated by Nevada County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) Evacuation Plan.

- 4) GCHNA will continue to provide Firewise Community Concept information to its members and non-members at annual spring and fall events.
- 5) GCHNA regularly encourages its members and non-members to enroll and to actively engage in the FSCNC's Defensible Space Advisory Training program.
- 6) The FSCNC has numerous programs to support fuels reduction efforts in our community. GCHNA will continue to promote such programs including its Chipping Program.
- 7) GCHNA will continue to distribute Firewise, Office of Emergency Services, Cal-Fire and FSCNC educational materials to new residents.
- 8) GCHNA will include in its annual budget funds for continuing membership in the FSCNC.

Susan Wiesner, Treasurer, GCHNA  
Ellen Hagan, Secretary, GCHNA  
Eve Collins, Steering Committee Member Representative, GCHNA

**Bear Alert**

Bear are very active in our area now.



**GREATER CEMENT HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: 2014 APPROVED BUDGET  
& 2013 STATEMENT OF REVENUES &  
EXPENSES**

	<b>APPROVED 2014 BUDGET</b>	<b>2013 BUDGET</b>	<b>2013 ACTUAL</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Member Dues (& some member donations)	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,655.00
Interest, other income or adjustments*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Total Income:	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,855.00
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Picnic	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,270.00
Gifts, honorariums	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Spring Event	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
3 Newsletters (including postage)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,717.00
Mtg Rm Annual Rent + refreshments	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 943.00
Membership (FONA, Land Trust, Firesafe Council )	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
P.O. Box Rent & postage (non newsletter)	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 70.00
Consulting - Legal and other	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Web site, training & other software/web expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 189.00
Misc: Bank chg. other printing, stationery, supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 31.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 6,170.00	\$ 4,720.00
	\$	\$	
<b>REVENUES LESS EXPENSES:</b>	<b>(650.00)</b>	<b>(1,670.00)</b>	<b>\$ 135.00</b>
<i>Actual 2013 expenses less than budgeted expenses by:</i>			\$ 1,450.00

\*2013 Return of security deposit to NCCFD (not cashed)

Submitted and approved Jan. 6, 2014

**Are You On Our List?  
GCHNA Membership Renewal  
Reminder**

*By Eve Collins, Membership Chair*

Thank you to the many members who have renewed their membership for the 2014 year. Please check our list in this newsletter for our current 2014 paid memberships to see if you paid this year's dues. Call the Membership Chair, Eve Collins if you have any questions. 265-6540.

Remember, the grace period is over on May 1st. After that date, if you need

a fill up with Ferrellgas propane, and your membership has lapsed, you must contact Ferrellgas as they are not bound by contract to give the discount rate to non-members. You can in fact, renew your membership anytime during the year.

As always, membership opportunities include: meeting your neighbors; attending open Steering Committee meetings where you are encouraged to voice your concerns; getting information and representation about issues that may affect our neighborhood; getting a great rate with Ferrellgas; and attending neighborhood

events (Spring Event and the Annual Neighborhood Family Picnic).

Again, remember the grace period is May 1st. So, please fill out the membership form in this newsletter or use the form available on our website - [www.gchna.com](http://www.gchna.com) - and mail it with your check for \$20 to GCHNA P.O. Box 1343, Nevada City, CA 95959, by May 1st. Thank you so much for your support this past year and we look forward to your continued support in 2014.



## **Current 2014 GCHNA Members**

Scott & Karen Adams  
Marge Addleman  
Richard & Catherine Alderman  
Sallee Allen  
Ron & Judy Anderson  
Tom Anderson & Eileen Blodgett  
Ed Arnott  
Marty Austin  
Wallace & Marilyn Bair  
Luci Baker  
Christy Barden  
Jeff & Regina Barton  
Mike & Jane Betts  
Ken & Laura Bigham  
Brian & Jennifer Breiling  
Bob & Edy Britts  
Michael Brook & Cathy Blake  
Ken and Joanne Brown  
Elke & Alastair Brown  
Gary & Margaret Brown  
Ed & Ardine Browning  
Willie & Sue Brusin  
Brian & Ruthanne Buckley  
Fred & Margie Buhler  
Stan & Linda Byrne  
Jill Caruthers & Jon Fox  
Denis & Jennifer Cebollero  
Ernest & Linda Chiappari  
John & Lisa Christensen  
Gordon & Jeanette Clark  
George Cloud  
Martha & Jeff Coleman-Hunt  
Doug & Eve Collins  
Larry & Cheryl Cook  
Charles & Leora Coovert  
Diana Coronel  
Susan & Jeff Cowitz  
Robert Crawford  
Charles & Nancy Creech  
Dale Tom & Sandy Creighton  
Ralph & Lisa Cutter  
Richard & Joan Davis  
Larry & Mary Anne Dulmage  
Tom Dunham & Terri Beedle  
Carl Eckardt & Priscilla Rose-Eckardt  
William & Shirley-Mae Elliot  
Myles & Colleen Ericson  
Greg & Susan Fenner  
Mark & Delora Ferry  
Diane Fetterly  
Gary & Cathy Fouyer  
Amy & Brendan Fowler  
Frank & Fran Francis  
Mike & Barbara Getz  
Darryl & Barbara Goehring  
Henry Goodman & Susan Jakubik  
Clark & Fran Gordon  
Bill & Linda Greig  
Martin Hachler & Dawa Fitzmaurice

Tim & Ellen Hagan  
Alan Haight & Jo McProud  
Greg & Niki Hansen  
Pat & Shaun Havard  
Annika Hayes  
Larry Heiniemi & Carolyn Sherwood  
Howard & Jill Hersh  
Richard & Susanne Hinman  
Bill Holman  
Bob & Cindy Hren  
Terry & Courtney Hundemer  
Charles J. Hurst  
Dale & Diane Jacobson  
Betty Johnson  
Blane & Linda Johnson  
Steven Jones & Liz Meyers  
Ronna Lee Joseph-Murray & Tim Murray  
Kevin & Ricki Kartes  
Jim Keem  
Tom & Kathleen Kelly  
David & Shan Kendall  
Al & Pat Kennerley  
Patrick Kleinhammer & Kimberly Shepard  
Ginger Konvalin  
Allan & Mary Krosner  
Ronald & Melanie Kuhnle  
Dennis Kurlander  
David Kyle & Patt Lind-Kyle  
Suesan & Jeff Larsen  
David Lee & Sassi LaMuth  
Stan & Donna Levin  
Steve & Sheryl Levy  
Jenelle (Jeep) Lindsay  
David & Lorraine Livingston  
Vincent & Alana Lucia  
Art Lynn  
Henry & Arabella Macias  
Dennis & Penny Matthews  
Chuck Mattison  
Gardiner McCauley  
Julie & Jay McEnroe  
Tom & Cara Meinholz  
James & Sherry Miller  
Carla Woodside & Doug Mitchell  
Tom and Kathy Mollet  
John Morales  
Roger Morrison & Nancy Herrick  
Joan Regal & Steve Myers  
LaVeta Nevius  
Jim & Janice O'Brien  
Marcella Oglesby  
Derek and Maureen Olsen  
Chris, Kyle and Ryan Owen  
David & Linda Palley  
Laura, Bill & Zephyr Pappani  
Uli Paulin  
Denis & Nancy Paulson  
Michael & Donna Peterson  
Marty Pezzaglia

Charles & Julieta Phillips  
Carl & Joyce Plaza  
Randi Pratini  
Terry & Robin Prechter  
Saul Rayo & Elena Powell  
Christina Reski & Robert Ruschke  
Lowell & Diane Robertson  
Doug & Penny Rodrick  
Gabriel Ross & Claire Leve  
Shelley Salvatore or Eligio Salvatore  
Chuck & Janice Schretenthaler  
Tom & Joan Seabury  
Richard & Cherie Simpson  
Lew Sitzer  
Carson & Miriam Skaggs  
Marilyn Smith  
Lisa Stine  
Tom Stone  
Norman & Beverly Stout  
Rick & Mary Street  
Joel & Rita Sweet  
Steve & Edyann Switzer  
Arlene Taylor  
Richard & Theresa Thomas  
Randy & Nahid Thompson  
Jeffrey & Sue Thomsen  
John & Bonnie Torres  
Gerda & Juergen Traub  
Robert Trent  
Paul & Mary Trethewey  
Patrick & Gerry Tribble  
Dennis & Yuko Tucker  
Patrick & Theresa Wagner  
Jack & Debbie Wandro  
Don & Louise Warner  
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Jeff Wells  
Kevin & Sharon Whitlock  
Ted Smith & Susan Wiesner  
Dennis & Lee Williams  
Robert & Susan Willour  
Stu & Vera Wright  
David & Joyce Yaksick  
Michael & Jill Zan



# GCHNA'S Scotch Broom Pull - A Success!

By Ellen Hagan

Joanne Drummond summed it up. "It's hard to believe how much fun hard work can be when it's so productive."

On April 4, GCHNA sponsored its first Scotch Broom Pull removing Scotch Broom from a mile long stretch of Cement Hill Road beginning at its junction with Indian Flat. Scotch Broom is a highly flammable, invasive weed and limiting its spread makes our neighborhood more firesafe.

The day was gray and drizzly, but the intrepid GCHNA members and Americorps workers who braved the cold did a fabulous job. GCHNA members included: Susan Wiesner and Ted Smith, Carl Plaza, Eve Collins, Ellen Hagan, Terry Wagner, Allison Miller, and Vicki Vasques. Aviva Fiska represented Sierra Streams Institute. The seven young, strong Americorps workers supplied by the FireSafe Council did much of the pulling and were amazing. Thank you to Elijah Adams from Rochelle, Texas; Lauren Williams from Seattle, Washington; Rebecca Lyons from Baltimore, Maryland; Abel Vega from Houston, Texas; Ben Voisine-Addis from Kennebunk, Maine; Angie Klemm from Fort Worth, Texas, and Kaitlyn Breaux from Port Byron, Illinois.

Thank you to Susan Wiesner and Carl Plaza for organizing the event. Thanks to Eve Collins and Ellen Hagan for refreshments. Thank you to Wally and Marilyn Bair for the use of their pickup truck. The FireSafe Council was extremely helpful providing weed wrenches, loppers, and bright safety vests. Sheriff's Department volunteers provided traffic control. Have you Scotch Broom on your property? If you do, you've probably

watched it spread. Were it to catch fire, it would burn easily and spread flames to other plants. GCHNA members can borrow a weed wrench from the FireSafe Council. Think about pulling your Scotch Broom this spring.

Scotch Broom Pull pictures below.



## Keep Water Rates Low - Conserve

Lesa Osterholm, a spokesperson for NID, stressed at a recent FONA meeting the need for water efficiency. With the meager snow pack this year, general changes in weather patterns, and limited water storage capabilities, water conservation becomes a must for everyone.

NID is not selling any surplus water. A severe drought would severely impact local water supply. If Nevada County water users, including those on wells, can conserve 20% of our water usage, NID believes they will have enough for everyone. If it becomes necessary for NID to buy water from P G & E, then water rates could rise.

So, GCHNA members, let's do our part. Check for leaks in your water system indoors and out. At 1 drip per second, a faucet can leak 3,000 gallons per year. Repairs can often be as simple as replacing a washer or a flapper in the toilet. About 50% of water use is for landscaping. Use drip irrigation to water directly where it is needed, don't overwater, and use mulch. Visit [www.nidwater.com](http://www.nidwater.com) for more water saving tips and try the "Water Calculator" link to determine your home's water usage.



**Join GCHNA or Renew Your Membership** (check your membership status at [www.gcbna.com/membership](http://www.gcbna.com/membership))

If you haven't joined or renewed your membership to GCHNA, we hope you will do so now.

Here's my \$20 GCHNA membership fee for 2014. Enclosed is a check made out to GCHNA.

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check & form to: GCHNA, PO Box 1343, Nevada City, CA 95959  I would like to become involved. Please contact me.



## **GCHNA Neighborhood Representatives**

### **West End Cement Hill**

West end of Cement Hill Road, including Sunshadow Circle, Cedar Song Road, and Garesio Ranch Road.  
Ellen Hagan, Tim Hagan, (timhagan@oro.net) 265-9746

### **Applewood Lane**

Applewood Lane, including Indian Shack Road.  
Larry Cook, (2cooks@att.net) 265-3088

### **Gochine Drive**

Gochine, including Mt. Auburn Circle.  
Carl Plaza, (plaza@ncws.com) 478-1802

### **Upper Cement Hill**

Upper Cement Hill Road, including Pine Tree Place, Diamond Oak Drive, Bodie Ridge Road, Skyranche Road, and Elysian Way.  
Willie Brusin, (wbrusin@att.net) 265-4018

### **Sunrock Road**

Susan Wiesner: (sawiesner@gmail.com), 265-4824

### **Augustine Road / Excelsior Ditch Camp Road**

Augustine Road, including Daisy Blue Mine, Leisure Lane, Lazy Oaks Drive, and Excelsior Ditch.  
Marty Pezzaglia, (martypezzaglia@spiralemail.com) 265-3288

### **Crystal View Heights**

Crystal View, including Golden Oaks. "open"

### **Central Cement Hill Road**

Central Cement Hill Road, including Whispering Oaks, Merryhill Way, Gold Court, Spanish Quartz, Ragon Road, and Fox Hill Road to Central Cement Hill area.  
Patt Lind-Kyle (patt@lindandkyle.com) 478-9622

### **Lower Cement Hill Road**

Lower Cement Hill Road, including West Piper, Deer Crest, Rancheria Court, Red Hill Road, Foster Driveway, Picton, Picton Way, and Foster Road. Alana Lucia  
alinthegarden@gmail.com) 913-9632

### **Indian Flat Road**

Indian Flat Road, including Indian Trails, Country Circle, Woods Ravine Ct. and Robinson King Road.  
Terry Wagner (twags40@hotmail.com) 470-9206 and Bill Sheatsley (stevieandbill@sheatsley.com) 265-2808

### **Southside Cement Hill**

Highway 49, including Columbine Court, Delphine Lane, Shoshoni Trail, Old Faithful Court, Carli Way, Crooked Arrow Lane, John Barleycorn Rd., Frost Court and Cavanaugh Lane.  
Debbie Wandro (1starrydeborah@att.net) 478-1498

### **Wet Hill Road**

Wet Hill Road, including Sierra Springs Circle, Lower North Bloomfield Road, and Elliot Way.  
Nancy Paulson, (nanpaulson@sbcglobal.net) 265-5919

### **Airport Road**

Airport Road, including Tower Hill Road, West Airport Road, East Piper Lane, and Sheriff Road.  
Scott Adams, (sadams1635@sbcglobal.net) 470-0273

### **At Large**

Eve Collins, (collins@theunion.net) 265-6540  
Bill Holman (bholman@succeed.net) 265-8387  
Uli Paulin, (upaulin@ttz.com) 265-4194  
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### **Who to Contact...**

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Eve Collins - 265-6540

Ferrellgas Information

Customer Service - 265-5896

[ferrellgas.com](http://ferrellgas.com)

The Fire Safe Council

Joanne Drummond - 272-1122

[www.areyoufiresafe.com](http://www.areyoufiresafe.com)

FONA Web Site

[www.fona-nevco.org](http://www.fona-nevco.org)

The Cement Hill CFD Guide Booklet is now on the District's website at the following link.

<http://nidwater.com/cement-hill-project/cement-hill-cfd-project-documents/>  
<http://nidwater.com/cement-hill-project/cement-hill-cfd-project-documents/>

### **GCHNA Mission Statement**

The Greater Cement Hill  
Neighborhood Association is  
chartered to:

- Protect and preserve the rural qualities of our neighborhood by providing a forum for group action as needed.
- Communicate information quickly and efficiently about matters of neighborhood interest to its members and associates.
- Raise funds and supply volunteer labor for projects that enhance or improve our neighborhood.
- Be an organization through which our neighbors can meet and get to know each other in meetings and social gatherings.

### **Membership Guidelines**

Fiscal Period is

January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>

Membership Dues due by

February 1<sup>st</sup> Grace period to May 1<sup>st</sup>

Anyone may join anytime during the year but will have to negotiate with Ferrellgas if joining after May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Alana Lucia

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