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27th Annual  
Picnic/Potluck

## SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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GCHNA's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Neighborhood  
Family Picnic/Potluck

September 17, 2017

"The  
Farmhouse"  
13438 Cement Hill Rd  
Far west end of  
Cement Hill Rd

Sept. 17th, 2017  
3:30 to dusk



### **GCHNA's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Family Picnic/Potluck**

It's picnic time again! Time for our neighborhood to gather together and celebrate 27 years of community involvement! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Join us to visit old friends and make new friends at the beautiful old farmhouse of Nancy Herrick and Roger Morrison at the west end of Cement Hill Rd. Follow the signs.

3:30 to 4:30 - Happy hour and socializing.

4:30 until dusk Dinner and program Our theme this year is "Connecting members with the community" and our speakers include our County Supervisor, Heidi Hall, Joanne Drummond from the FireSafe Council and NID Director, Nancy Weber.

We encourage you to carpool as parking is limited. Please pay attention to the parking attendant as you arrive before the driveway. Special consideration will be available to those who have trouble walking a distance.

**Harvest Potluck** Please bring a favorite main dish to share (no desserts needed) and place settings (non-disposable eating utensils and plate preferable). Vegetarian dishes are most welcome. GCHNA will provide beer, wine, coffee, tea, soda, and dessert. Cake is generously donated by our local Flour Garden Bakery.

We will again offer a door prize - a gift certificate for \$250 of landscape work. Come to the picnic for a ticket and a chance to win. The winner must be present at the drawing.

Come join us for this wonderful

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Monday Sept. 11th, 7pm at  
Christy Barden's Big Yellow Barn  
10141 Cedarsong Rd

### **GCHNA Steering Committee**

Meeting Mon. Nov. 6. 7pm. At  
the Madelyn Helling Library  
Community Room

**GCHNA Mission - To protect and preserve the rural qualities of our neighborhood by providing a forum**

## **A Word From The GCHNA President**

*By Uli Paulin*



Having a sense of connectedness is a deeply held human desire across cultures. That's what I learned in my Anthropology class at Sierra College and again and again in my own life. As property owners we feel connected to the parcels of land we tend to, where we observe the cycle of nature and which link us together in the neighborhood we share. The same land that was home to the Nisenan people for many, many generations and whose continued and renewed presence inspires us, just as we look in awe at the adventures, legends and heritage of our more recent history.

I'm thinking of the Old Nevada City Airport area in the heart of our neighborhood and its future as well as the future of the adjoining BLM land. I'm also thinking about Hirschman's pond, a picturesque remnant of our recent gold mining history and much appreciated trail, at least until its recent vigorous "hair cut". Lessons to be learned and new prospects ahead...

GCHNA is happy to contribute to the most light-hearted form of feeling connected with our neighbors. The annual picnic on September 17 is a time to connect with neighbors and support GCHNA. Read more about it in this newsletter. We'll keep the speeches short and the beverages cold. Hope to see you there.

## **Beth on Fire**

*By Beth Enoch*



Firewise is not a destination but a lifestyle change in the way we think and act as a community so that fire safety in forested areas is a continuous activity. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is a nationwide program that has the support of fire agencies, elected officials, and a variety of sponsors. Each year I submit an annual report to them to both continue our accreditation as a Firewise Community with all the benefits of a safer environment and more insurable properties and, equally important, to give Joanne Drummond with Calfire and the FireSafe Council matching dollar for dollar funding for grants available for projects dealing with poor vegetation management, dead tree removal and the creation of defense lines and defensible spaces. With the numbers each Firewise community records, Joanne is able to act quickly when grant monies first become available.

It is time for that annual report to NFPA with an accounting of all work done and monies spent on equipment (chainsaws, mowers, brush whackers, etc) by each property owner to further the cause of making Greater Cement Hill a safer community. Last year Lake Vera aggressively collected the time and monies spent in their

community and recorded a quarter of a million dollars. I know that we have the potential to beat that number. Please contact me at [enochclan@gmail.com](mailto:enochclan@gmail.com) or call me (530) 687-5570 with any questions or to leave your information.

I need the following info:

■ Name

■ Address

■ Work done ( ladder fuel reduction, taking down dead trees, weed pulling, mowing of whacking, chipping, burning, hauling debris to the dump (approx mileage and time), chemical weed treatment, etc.)

■ Hours spent or money paid to others for work. Think hard about all the work you did this year on your property to create or maintain that defensible space. I look forward to hearing from you.

### **Quick Tips**

■ Many fires start when oily rags are disposed of carelessly. After using rags with chemicals or solvents, place them in a bucket of water (preferably a metal bucket ) and place away from your house. It is the fumes that ignite. A hot garage with a hot water tank and a stack of oily rags is a perfect storm!

■ If your insurance has been dropped or reassessed for a lot more money, check into getting coverage through the Grange. If you have fruit trees on your property you may qualify as a "farm". It is worth checking out!





## **Black Oaks Lose Leaves in El Nino Winter**

BERKELEY - This summer, people living in the Sierra Nevada and Coast Ranges have reported seeing the leaves on California black oaks covered with brown spots, curling at the edges and even turning completely brown and falling off. In some cases, entire hillsides are blanketed with brown tree crowns. While black oaks are deciduous - changing color and dropping their leaves in the fall - they are normally fully leafed out with dark-green foliage in early and mid-summer.

Many landowners, concerned their trees are dying, have contacted their University of California Cooperative Extension county office, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection or local arborists and landscapers to find out what is causing the problem and whether their trees are in jeopardy.

While several organisms may be contributing to the symptoms observed, two fungi - *Septoria quercicola* and *Cylindrosporium kelloggii* - have been identified from leaf samples sent to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, according to Doug McCreary, natural resources specialist with UC's Integrated Hardwood Range Management Program. While these foliage diseases were present on black oaks last year, they are much more prevalent and widespread this year, he says. Last spring's extremely wet conditions are responsible, providing an ideal environment for the fungi to infect the leaves.

According to Don Owen, pest specialist with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, more damage is unlikely, since the rains have ended. However,



trees may continue to lose their leaves throughout the summer, he says. The level of leaf loss relates directly to the severity of infection: If leaf loss occurred early in the year, the trees will be able to releaf. Tree vigor also helps determine the amount of refoiliation, since trees with more energy reserves are better able to releaf than weakened trees. Trees with pre-existing stress, or infected trees that lose their foliage relatively late in the season, may not releaf as fully. They may also experience some dieback in the crown.

While there are fungicides available to prevent the infection, they must be applied in the spring when the leaves are susceptible to the fungi. Timing is critical; if conditions favor infection over an extended period of time, multiple treatments may be necessary. The leaf loss resulting from these diseases can be harmful to the trees, since it reduces their ability to manufacture food through photosynthesis. "Over time, repeated defoliations can seriously weaken trees," McCreary says. "We would also expect reduced acorn production on trees where damage is severe,

which in turn could adversely affect the many wildlife species dependent upon acorns as a food source."

While spotting and brown leaves on oaks in late spring and early summer are certainly a cause for concern, the vast majority of the affected trees should recover and leaf out normally next year, McCreary says. However, in rare cases, severely weakened trees could be killed by the defoliation. For more information about oaks and oak management and the names of experts working with oaks by region, visit the home page of the Integrated Hardwood Range Management Program at <http://danr.ucop.edu/ihrmp/>. *prepared and edited by Richard B. Standiford*

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### **A Good Summer for Sunflowers.**



# Are You And Your Family Prepared For an Evacuation?

By Ellen Hagan

My husband and I were evacuated in the 49er fire back in 1988 and I can still remember the adrenalin rush and the feeling of confusion - running around the house trying to make decisions about what to do and what to put in the car. I'm embarrassed to think about it now.

The 2017 Emergency Preparedness Guide & Evacuation Plan is available from the FireSafe Council website ([areyoufiresafe.com](http://areyoufiresafe.com)) and contains the information you need to become prepared before an emergency presents itself.

Do you know your escape routes?

For those of you at the west end of Cement Hill Road, there's an emergency access road from the Riverhill Farm parking lot to Cedarsong Road to Hwy 49.

What items should you take? Make a list that could include: emergency items like cell phones and chargers, flashlights, a portable radio with batteries, computers; family heirlooms and keepsakes; ID tags, leashes and carriers and food for pets; documents like passports and proof of insurance; medications, glasses, contacts; clothing and toiletries.

How will you be notified of an evacuation? Fire and law enforcement will do their best to notify everyone when to leave via the CodeRED system. Residents will be contacted via home and cell phones and directed where to go. Know how you can stay informed.

■ KVMR 89.5FM or 105.1FM IS NEVADA COUNTY'S EMERGENCY INFORMATION STATION

■ KNCO 830AM or STAR 94.1FM

■ VIA THE INTERNET - [www.yubanet.com](http://www.yubanet.com) or [www.theunion.com](http://www.theunion.com)

■ Keep your home phone available for emergency evacuation information.

■ Call CAL FIRE, Fire Information at (530) 823-4083.

If you have a residential or business phone number utilizing AT&T, your phone number is already accessible as part of the public safety database. If you desire to be notified via your AT&T residential or business phone only, no action is required on your part.

## REGISTER YOUR CELL PHONE FOR LOCAL EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Go to the Nevada County OES website: <http://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/igs/oes/> Look for the CodeRED link.

Evacuation Order Checklist - Secure People, Pets, and Structure - as time allows.

1. Load your medications, important documents, supplies and pets into a vehicle.
2. Park the car in the driveway facing out with keys in the ignition. Disconnect the automatic garage door opener for quick access by emergency personnel.

3. Close windows, vents, and window coverings.
4. Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off propane tanks including the BBQ.
5. Close fireplace screens.
6. Move flammable furniture and other items into the center of the home away from windows.
7. Turn on a light in each room to increase the visibility of your home in heavy smoke.
8. Erect ladders against the house.
9. Move combustible patio furniture inside or away from the structure.
10. Connect garden hoses to outside taps.

When an evacuation is announced - leave immediately. Evacuation Centers include the Fairgrounds and Nevada Union High School.

If you are cut off from escape and trapped in your home, there are things you can do. Dress in protective clothing (long sleeve cotton shirt, heavy pants, vibram soled boots). Shut all windows and doors. Move furniture away from the windows. Fill the bathtub and buckets with water for putting out small fires. Cover your face with a cotton handkerchief. Place wet blankets or towels around the window and door edges. The duration of a fire front varies by vegetation type and density. Grassland vegetation typically burns for 10 minutes, brush lands for 20 minutes, and timber for over an hour.

There's so much more information in the Emergency Preparedness Guide. I've printed it and keep a copy at hand. What more do you need to know or need to do to be prepared for an emergency?



## Join GCHNA or Renew Your 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 2017. 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, (ellenhagan@oro.net) 265-9746

### Applewood Lane

Applewood Lane, including Indian Shack Road.  
Larry Heiniemi, (lheiniemi@gmail.com) 478-0298

### 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.

Open

### 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. **Open**

### 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

### 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. **Open**

### At Large

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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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