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**Greater Cement Hill  
 Neighborhood Association**

**GCHNA Annual  
 Membership  
 Meeting Oct. 1**

**SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER**

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**GCHNA's Annual Mem-  
 bership Meeting is  
 Coming up and You're  
 Invited!**

**WHEN:** Monday evening,  
 October 1, 2018

5:00pm - 6:30 pm An outdoor re-  
 ception with time to socialize with  
 neighbors. Lisa Stine and Gale Peach  
 will play harp and fiddle. A tribute  
 to Marty Pezzaglia is planned. Pizza,  
 drinks, and dessert will be provided.

6:30pm - 8:00pm The business meet-  
 ing includes the election of officers  
 and other items of interest.

**WHERE:** The Madelyn Helling  
 Library

The outdoor reception will be held at  
 the Marian E. Gallaher, M.D. Amphithe-  
 ater just to the right of the entrance  
 to the Madelyn Helling Library, 980  
 Helling Way in Nevada City

Dessert and the business meeting will  
 be held in the Gene Albaugh Com-  
 munity Room to the left of the library  
 entrance.

Come with neighbors you know  
 and to meet neighbors you don't yet  
 know. Come to express your interest  
 in issues that affect our neighborhood.



Marian E. Gallaher, M.D. Amphitheater



Lisa Stine



**President's Message**

*By Uli Paulin*

First a big "thank you" to all who paid  
 their dues on time - especially those  
 who chipped in some extra; plus, a big  
 "welcome" to several new members  
 to our organization who signed up  
 as a result of the recent membership  
 drive. You'll read more on this and on  
 our newly balanced budget elsewhere  
 in this newsletter.

Also, mark your calendar with the  
 annual membership meeting on  
 Monday evening October 1 at the  
 Madelyn Helling Library. We'll have  
 some social time, music, and refresh-  
 ments beginning at 5pm at the Marian  
 Gallaher amphitheater to the right of  
 the library entrance. The meeting after  
 includes the election of Steering Com-  
 mittee members and officers.

As you probably heard, Nevada City  
 is ramping up planning activities for  
 the future of the old airport property.

**December 3 Meeting**

If you can't make the Oct 1  
 meeting, you can still join us on  
 Monday, Dec. 3. 7pm at the Mad-  
 elyn Helling Library Community  
 Room. Come to let us know you  
 want to be involved.

A survey is in the works and will be posted on the Nevada City website. We'll let you know by email when it's available. Read Eileen Jorgensen's article about some of the ideas for its use in this issue. While the City Council's direct constituents are residents of Nevada City with a Nevada City street address, we are being assured that input to the planning process is open to everyone. As county residents and direct neighbors of the old airport I encourage all of our members to stay informed and share their ideas and concerns with City Council. Feel free to direct your questions to Amy Wolfson, City Planner, (530) 265-2496 x 130 or Dawn Zydonis, Parks & Recreation Manager (530) 265-2496 x129.

Have a beautiful, safe, smoke free fall and don't forget to talk to your neighbors about all fire escape routes available in your immediate area.

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## **Budget Update – Extra, Extra, Read all About it! Good News\$\$\$**

*By Susan Wiesner*

This is a follow up to an article from our Winter 2017 Newsletter. I am extremely pleased to report that our GCHNA financial situation has much improved. Earlier this year we had a campaign to increase membership and cut expenses in order to achieve a balanced budget without raising dues. This has resulted in our exceeding the budget estimate for dues revenues, putting us in a stronger position for the future. Through the end of July our membership numbers increased by approximately 25 households and our revenues were up by \$670 compared to 2017!

This was achieved by the following:

- Eve Collins, our membership chair, did an extensive update of our database by painstakingly researching current ownership road by road using the available public county records. Thank you Eve for those hours of work.
- Neighbors were contacted by email and by personal phone calls from the Steering Committee to remind folks to send in their dues by May 1st. Thanks to the volunteers who made those phone calls.
- Several neighbors sent in donations in excess of the dues amount of \$20 per year. One couple was extremely generous and sent a check for \$100, reflecting their appreciation of the organization. Thanks to all of you who sent in your dues and more.

We are now able to go forward on a strong financial footing, confident we can continue with the work of our mission statement.

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## **Nevada City Asks for Input on Old Airport Property**

The City of Nevada City is in the process of creating a Master Plan for the Old Airport Property. There have been 2 public workshops and follow-up meetings reporting back to City Council. The workshops were interactive with brainstorming sessions and group work to look at the possibilities for future development of the Old Airport property. The next step of the process is to collect community input by way of a survey. The purpose of the survey is to broaden outreach to Nevada City residents and the general

community for input and to examine the priorities that came out of the previous workshops.

As of this writing the survey is still in process. When it is ready, paper copies will be available at City Hall or individuals may take the survey online at the link below on the City's website.

<https://nevadacityca.gov/pview.aspx?id=20859&catid=564>

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## **Nevada City's Old Airport**

*by Eileen Jorgensen and Don Rivines*

Nevada City's Old Airport hasn't been used to land a plane since the 1950s, but the 109-acre site less than two miles from downtown, which has been mostly abandoned ever since, could see plans for re-use move forward soon. Nevada City, who has inherited the property, is in process with a Master Plan for its development. Two of the groups who have attended meetings have proposed the following concepts.

Our Native people, The Nisenan, who have lived in this area for thousands of years, are asking Nevada City for an education gathering place at The Old Airport. The Tribe only requests 10 acres dedicated (or returned) to them. The acreage would be used for cultural and historical education about how these indigenous people lived in our area. Their vision includes plants, bark houses, acorn granary, a small outdoor natural gathering area, a few structures built for shade to prevent getting wet from rain, a fire pit, trails and educational signs, an area for native dances and a small educational facility made from natural materials.

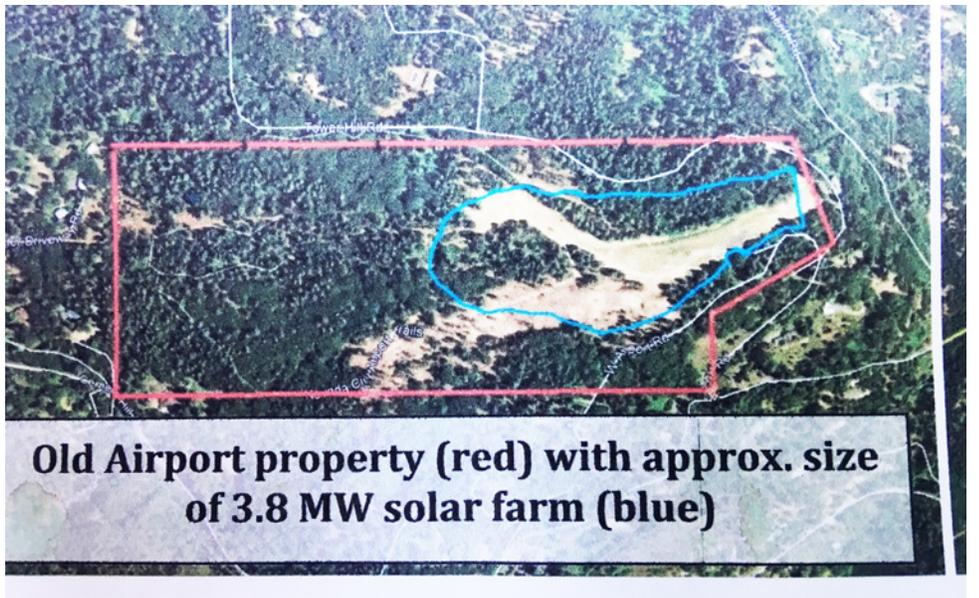
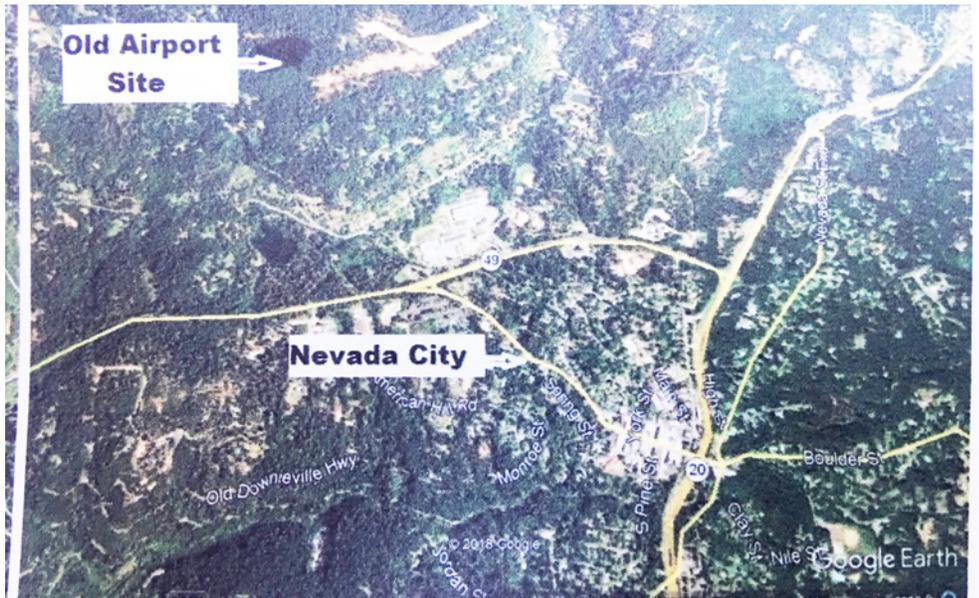
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The building ideally would be heated and cooled by solar energy.

Nevada City has an Energy Action Plan with a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 28% by 2020. Last year the City passed a resolution with a further goal of 100% renewable electricity by 2030. The Old Airport Property can be a key element to these goals by building a solar farm on 15-20 acres along the old airstrip at the site. It would provide electricity for 500-750 homes of the 1350 households in the city, many of whom find solar unaffordable or infeasible. A solar farm will provide land revitalization by addressing site cleanup, increase revenues to support public services, provide low-cost clean power to the community, and be compatible to a Nisenan gathering place.

Please review the accompanying drawing that will give you a sense of The Nisenan's vision, become familiar with the City's Energy Action Plan and take the City's survey and do become familiar with this area. It is a gem that awaits appreciation and vision. For further information on the Nisenan and the City's Energy Action Plan: [www.nevadacityrancheria.com](http://www.nevadacityrancheria.com) <https://www.nevadacityca.gov/pview.aspx?id=20800&catid=564> Here is the Nevada County Climate Change Coalition website. [www.nc-climatechangecoalition.org](http://www.nc-climatechangecoalition.org) You can go to the Energy page and click on Nevada City to see the 100% resolution and other information.



## Marty Pezzaglia

It is with much sadness that we report that Marty Pezzaglia passed away in June.

Marty had been a longtime president of GCHNA and one of our tireless members for many years. Eileen Jorgensen describes him this way. "He had the mind of a lawyer, the fierceness of a lion and the heart of a child who delighted in making things right in the world. His love of all things community - especially neighborhoods- propelled GCHNA and eventually FONA to a level of greatness because of this one man's vision. Marty became president of GCHNA soon after he joined and under his tutelage, the neighborhood came together to fight the sale of the BLM property which Marty found was misrepresenting the facts, challenged Ferrellgas for a better contract, organized for fire emergency, procured pressured water along Cement Hill Road, expanded the newsletter and energized the annual picnic. He was rarely a speaker but was always present seeing that details were carried through and everyone cared for. Marty called our topography "a mountain" not a hill. His incredible energy seemed to encompass our mountain and move us from individuals to the community we are today."

Eve remembers him "as a very selfless man who spent so much time and energy for the neighborhood. Before his failing health, Marty put together the newsletter himself, attended many meetings for us, (Board of Supervisor, NID, Ferrellgas, City Council, FONA...). He was always there for the Coyote Park clean up. I had many enjoyable phone chats with him, catching up on our family and neighborhood business. What a guy!"



"The Prez Sez"...

Marty is survived by his daughter Brittany Pezzaglia and his son Keaton and daughter-in-law Aubrey and grandchildren Cash, Bentley, Donna-June, Jonny and Kenzly.

If GCHNA members would like to send condolences to the family, their contact information is Aubrey's number 530- 559-4759 or [Aubreymcgregor@hotmail.com](mailto:Aubreymcgregor@hotmail.com).

## Beth on Fire

by Beth Enoch



...our efforts may or may not be successful in saving homes, as some properties have good clearance, but this is often negated by their neighbors having poor clearance, and the success of a community involves everyone's effort...to function as a united front. *Matt Wallen, Battalion Chief, Cal Fire*

**The Trauma Doesn't Go Out When the Flames Do**

This past week, I had the unsettling opportunity to revisit my family home in Ventura that barely survived the devastating Thomas fire last December. As I walked the neighborhood, I was transfixed on the details that allowed one house to completely escape destruction while the neighboring home was reduced to rubble. Hardened houses, ones with cement siding, stucco, tile or composition roofs, with no tall foundation plants or ladder fuels around the 30 foot ignition zone had a fighting chance. The wood sided home with single pane windows shattered from the intense heat, allowing the fire inside the structure, catching curtains, carpet and condemning it to ruin. The house across the street from ours had tall junipers surrounding the home which caught fire, shooting flames 20 feet into the air, eventually catching the eaves on fire.

As I kicked through the ash of the remains of my neighbor's house, I vowed to:

- Always have a "go bag" packed and ready for an evacuation
- Keep half a tank of gas at all times for stop and go evacuations
- Shut all doors and close all windows and throw all cushions and umbrellas off decks
- Have a sign to attach to house number at the road that says you are "Out" or "Need Help"
- Have a list of hotels out of fire area to call for reservations if needed
- Leave the garden hoses out and available



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HOUSEHOLD FIRE RISK CONTRIBUTIONS FOR GCHNA - 2018

We were lucky. Only 34 windows cracked from intense heat and we lost out buildings, orchard, and landscaping. My 90-year-old mother got back into her house in only three months. Our neighbors are still renting and waiting on a long list for contractors to rebuild. No, the trauma doesn't stop when the sirens stop ringing.

The time is nearing for me to make our Firewise Mitigation and Risk Contribution to keep our National Firewise Accreditation. It is our way of demonstrating a measurable level of effort per property for reducing wildfire risk. Please submit your Mitigation Contributions to me. We have a minimum or threshold to meet of \$19,296. A form is included here and one is also available at gchna.com. Any questions, please call me at (530) 687-5570 or email me at enochclan@gmail.com.

Many thanks to those eighteen households who have already submitted their Firewise Mitigation and Risk

**Thank You**

Thank You to Beth Enoch and her husband for organizing GCHNA's table at the Community Wildfire Preparedness Day held May 5 at the Rood Center. Thank you to Susan Wiesner, Ellen Hagan and all others who participated.

**HOUSE** (hours invested on projects) Risk reduction roof to foundation  
Examples: Clean litter from roof and gutters  
Screen vents, enclose soffits and eaves  
Clean under decks (flammables and vegetation)  
Fire resistant roofing

Hours \_\_\_\_\_ # of people \_\_\_\_\_

**0 TO 5 FEET FROM FOUNDATION**

Replace mulch with gravel and stone  
Remove pine needles and leaves  
Trim back trees that hang over 5 foot areas near foundation  
Move firewood 30' from house and cover with a firewire tarp

Hours \_\_\_\_\_ # of people \_\_\_\_\_

**5 - 30 FEET**

Lawn maintenance  
Cluster trees with spaces between  
Reduce all ladder fuels  
Thin and limb up all trees reducing the crowns

Hours \_\_\_\_\_ # of people \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTENDED ZONE 30-100 FEET**

Remove needles leaving no more than a 3" layer  
Thin trees and ladder fuels

Hours \_\_\_\_\_ # of people \_\_\_\_\_

**MONEY SPENT**

Chipper cost (purchase, fuel, disposal fees) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Chainsaws (rental or purchase) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Power equipment, hand tools \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Arborists, landscapers, forestry service \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**VEHICLE MILEAGE**

Slash drop-off, dump runs. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_



## **Are You Ready For An Evacuation? Have You Developed Or Reviewed Your Family's Emergency Preparedness Plan?**

### **Is Your "Go Bag" Evacuation Kit Ready?**

Below is a list of contacts that could be useful in the event of a wildfire event. Please put it in your Go Bag. It's our responsibility to be as prepared as we can.

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## **CodeRED Emergency Notification**

■ Sign up for CodeRED Alerts at [www.mynevadacounty.com](http://www.mynevadacounty.com), Select "CodeRED" links and input your information for landline/cell phone/text/email. Call 2-1-1 for assistance if needed.

■ Add CodeRED's two phone numbers to your cell phone/landline contacts so you know who is calling (text messages will come from random numbers provided by the cell phone carrier). (866) 419-5000  
Emergency Alerts  
(855) 969-4636 - General Notifications.

## **Radio**

■ KVMR 89.5 FM or 105.1 FM - Nevada County's Emergency Information

## **Via the Internet**

■ [www.yubanet.com](http://www.yubanet.com)  
• • [www.theunion.com](http://www.theunion.com)

## **CAL FIRE**

■ Fire Information Line (530) 823-4083 (for large incidents)

■ Website - [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov)

## **2-1-1 Connecting Point - Nevada County Non-emergency Information**

■ Do not call 9-1-1 for non-emergency matters

■ Call (844) 319-4119 if calling from a phone outside the 530 area code

■ Dialing 2-1-1 is a free service that provides citizens critical non-emergency assistance such as: Information on Evacuation routes, mass care shelter/housing options, food and water, social services, family reunifications status, animal evacuation information, traffic and road closures, school and work closures, and assistance with registering for CodeRED.

## **Weather**

■ National Weather Service - [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

■ California Fire Weather - <https://www.wrh.noaa.gov/fire2/cafw/FirePreparedness/DefensibleSpace/FirewiseCommunitiesInformation>

■ Nevada County Fire Safe Council - [www.areyoufiresafe.com](http://www.areyoufiresafe.com)

■ Firewise Communities - [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org)

**PG&E** - Be prepared for power shut off during high-wildfire threats.

■ PG&E Alerts - [www.pge.com/wildfirealerts](http://www.pge.com/wildfirealerts)

## **Animal Evacuation/Nevada County Veterinary Disaster Response**

■ (530) 913-6506, (530) 477-6506

## **Nevada County District 1 Quarterly Newsletter Available Now**

Heidi Hall, our District Supervisor, is writing a regular newsletter to keep the community informed about relevant issues for our district. It provides us with a direct link of communication with Heidi. The newsletter written in April included Heidi's efforts to deal with the homeless issue, public safety concerns involving the Yuba River, her views on the best way to proceed toward a common sense cannabis ordinance and more. Each newsletter highlights major initiatives or projects being undertaken by the County. A survey is available to help Heidi plan topics for an upcoming town hall meeting.

If you are interested in signing up to receive the newsletters, please follow the instructions below to sign up through the Nevada County Notify Me Portal.

1. Go to the <http://gonevadacounty.com/NotifyMePage>: <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/list.aspx?listid=328>
2. Sign in by inputting your email address and clicking "Sign In." If this is your first time, you will need to create an account and verify with your email address. Follow the prompts.
3. Then click the left icon box to subscribe next to Board of Supervisors - District 1 - Supervisor Heidi Hall.
4. You will then be prompted to confirm your subscription in your email.
5. Once you confirm in your email, you will be all set to receive the Quarterly Newsletter.

Should you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Heidi's office at 530-265-1480 or email [bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us).



## 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 2018. 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, (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. Gregg Dwight (gcd57@att.net)

### 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. Bill Holman (bholman@succeed.net) 265-8387

### 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. Christina Reski (chrisreski@gmail.com) 470-6015

### 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

Eve Collins, (collins@theunion.net) 265-6540  
Uli Paulin, (uli@ulipaulin.com) 265-4194  
Christy Barden, (ChristyBarden@cs.com) 530-263-1001

### Firewise Community Rep

Beth Enoch enochclan@gmail.com(530) 687-5570





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### **Who to Contact...**

Membership Information  
Eve Collins - 265-6540  
Ferrellgas Information  
Customer Service - 265-5896  
[ferrellgas.com](http://ferrellgas.com)  
The Fire Safe Council  
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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