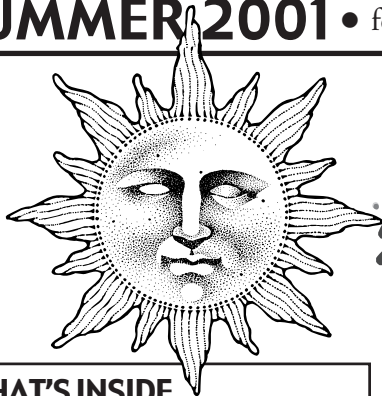




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CALENDAR

Monday, June 11
 Nevada City City Council votes on 80 unit apartment building to be located at Broad Street and Highway 49.

Monday, June 11
 GCHNA Steering Committee Meeting. All welcome.

Saturday, June 23
 Greater Cement Hill Artist Celebration



"The Prez Sez"...

I'd Rather Be Planting Daffodils

by Marty Pezzaglia

Sure I'd rather be planting daffodils, as my flower gardens are my

passion. And daffodils would be a good choice as they don't require any of NID's Special District water. Of course, since I am on a well and septic system, I don't receive any of NID's services even though E. Christina Dabis bills me annually for NID services. But I am comfortable knowing that the pending rolling-black-outs won't disrupt my garden watering schedule, as I will be grateful paying \$3 a gallon for gasoline to

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run my generator to water my plants.

I should be more concerned with that proposed 80-unit Affordable Housing Development in Nevada City that may pour countless vehicles into a traffic nightmare at Highway 49 and Cement Hill Road. However, I am confident that the Nevada City Planners and City Council will see through this pending infrastructure disaster, and opt for an out of sight affordable housing project on their Old Air Port property instead! Sounds like a hell of a plan, since Deane Swickard, BLM Area Manager in Folsom, has decided to go against the motion of our County Board of Supervisors relative to the

Cement Hill Road land, and title a 60 foot wide section of the land to Nevada City which would connect the Old Air Port property to Cement Hill Road.

But we don't need to be concerned about such things since a development of that magnitude would require NID's blessings and water systems. And, we all know NID is busy elsewhere trying to encase canals and send water south without even complying with the California Environmental Quality Act by submitting an Environmental Impact Report first. And, you don't need to concern yourselves with the Clean Drinking Water Act, even if it may mean NID must provide piped water to

our area. And, the thought of NID wasting any of their 50 million dollar reserve to put fire hydrants along our roads for fire protection... well, enough of this sarcastic article. Even though the issues are complex, we have been making tremendous progress as a neighborhood association.

Our summer newsletter contains articles on issues that are current, and moving fast and furious. I thank all the GCHNA residents that have worked so hard collectively and individually to tackle so many complex issues, and then share the information so we can all make informed decisions about the issues affecting the quality of our lives. ■

BLM Update

by Marty Pezzaglia

Deane Swickard gave us a courtesy "heads up" on his decision for the BLM property on Cement Hill Road. He will title seven and one half acres to the Fosters. A 60-foot wide section will be titled to the City of Nevada City for a road that would connect their Old Airport property to Cement Hill Road. The rest, approximately 28 acres, will be held in Federal title for Open Space.

I have contacted Supervisor Barbara Green. She is taking a pro-active approach and is trying to set up a meeting with Nevada

City and concerned parties to study the merits and ramifications of Deane Swickard's reversal of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors motion requesting the entire piece of property be left in Federal title and in open space.

I have done some research on the

appeals process for BLM decisions. I contacted BLM State Director Mike Pool's office in Sacramento, (916) 978-4600, and was referred to the Office of Hearings and Appeals. I spoke with attorney John Paine, (916) 414-2370, and asked for direction on how to file a "Notice of Appeal". He explained that Deane Swickard's formal published decision should contain a page with the appeals process attached. (The appeals process is contained in 43 CFR 2201.7-1)

A few weeks ago, I contacted John Beck, BLM Realty Specialist, and Deane Swickard, the BLM area manager, and received this message: "Due to some new procedural requirement, we will probably once again clarify the proposal to the public by publishing a new notice that better states the current proposal before the decision is formalized. This will hopefully clear up any confusion about what we are actually consid-

ering in the exchange. The decision will be issued about 2 months after the new notice is published."

My guess (and it is only my opinion) is that Deane Swickard has realized that his office has not followed procedures laid out in the Federal Land Policy & Management Act of 1976, and that he needs to, in a sense, begin the process again.

Update received 5/17/01 from Deane Swickard: There is some new BLM policy that changes how we process land exchanges. It is not completely clear how we go from the old process to the new process. The Nev. CO. exchanges are caught in that change. There have been meetings and discussions and we are close to agreement but all is not settled. That's the best I can do for now. This kind of thing is always problem when we allow a case to go on for as long as this one has. Someone changes the rules! ■



A Reminder To Hunters

by Terri Beedle

Recently there were several instances where hunters entered private property without the landowner's permission. To avoid any possibly fatal accidents, we would like to remind hunters and property owners of some Fish and Game Department regulations:

1. Hunters must have written permission from the landowner.
2. It is the landowner's and the hunter's responsibility to know the boundaries of the property in question.
3. There is to be no discharge of a weapon within 150 yards of an occupied dwelling or out-building.

We live in a populated area where houses, gardens and play areas aren't always clearly visible because of the vegetation. To help keep our community safe, it seems reasonable to contact all your neighbors if you have given permission for hunting on your property. From firsthand experience, it is very unpleasant to encounter people with weapons. ■

New & returning members

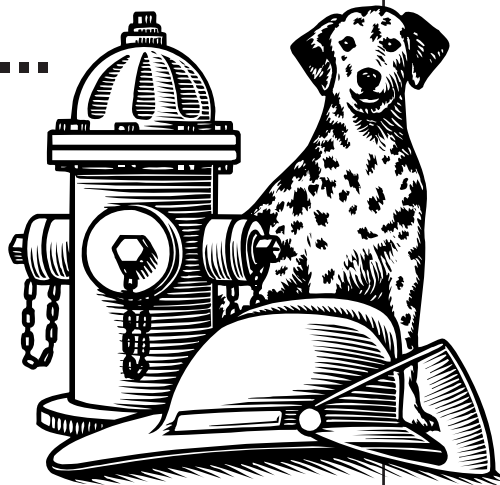
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Michael Brook & Catherine Blake
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Fred & Margie Buhler
Ed Buryn
Stan & Linda Byrne
Chip Carman & John Paul
Jill Caruthers
James Chargin
Marc & Rebecca Charvoz
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Julie Cobden
Mike & Lana Corless
Robert Crawford
Richard & Joan Davis
Jim & Pauline Dodds
Linda Donald
Tom Dunham & Terri Beedle
Laura & June DuPee
Greg & Susan Fenner
Diane Fetterly
Corrina Fisher
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Gary & Cathy Fouyer
Allan & Bonnie Fowler
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Tim & Ellen Hagan
Jon & Ann Heinrich
Howard & Jill Hersh
Loren & Norma Hildebrant
Ed & Lita Holleman
Bill Holman
Bob & Cindy Hren
Dale & Diane Jacobson
Rick & Elizabeth Kalb
Richard Katz & Patricia Kaminski
Thomas Kelly
Barry Kidney & Kim James
Jeff & Susan Larsen
Stan & Donna Levin
Steve & Sheryl Levy
Kelley & Virginia Logan
Henry & Arabella Macias
Henry Mattei
Dennis & Penny Matthews
Jim & Janice McCraney
Bruce & Helen McDonald
Steve Myers & Joan Regal
Mike & LaVeta Nevius
Alberta Oates
Jim & Janice O'Brien
Chris & Ellen Owen
Jay & Laura Patt
Remo & Randi Pradini
Robert & Ruth Racine
Mary Remillard & Dan Galbraith
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Dimitri & Linda Sayles
David Schwendeman & Leslie Edwards
Jay & April Shinn
Wayne & Karen Siegel
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Jim & Lori Spencer
Mark & Judy Stanearth
Jon & Elaine Stapleton
Tom Stone
Norm & Bev Stout
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Steve & Edyann Switzer
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call Tim Hagan
at 265-2678
to schedule
an appointment.



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Stop Nuisance Barking

by Marty Pezzaglia

Sheriff Keith Royal recently stated that the number one “crime” reported in Nevada County was “Barking Dogs”. Our Year 2000 Survey comment section on noise



registered heavily with barking dogs as an irritant. I have had to personally deal with this issue with my own barking dogs.

I use a dog collar called the “Bark Limiter”, from Tri-Tronics. The cost is a little over one hundred dollars, uses a battery, and shocks the dog on the third bark. It is available at 1-800-465-4343, or check out their web site at <http://www.tritronics.com>.

Another approach is the citronella anti-bark collar. When the dog barks, the collar sprays a light mist of citronella scent in front of his nose. Dogs don't like the smell, figure things out quickly, and stop barking. This type of collar is a little over one hundred dollars. It can be researched at Placerville Veterinary Clinic at their web site at <http://www.placervillevet.com>.

Summer Outages

by Chip Carman

- Outages are almost a certainty this summer – especially during hot days; predictions are 34 - 84 days of outages this summer.
- If you have medical electrical requirements call the Nevada County hotline at 271-7453.
- During an outage, turn off or unplug electronic devices (like TV's) or motor devices (like Refrigerators) that could be damaged by electrical surges when power is restored.
- If you have elderly neighbors check on them; the onset of heat stroke often isn't recognized until it's too late.

On your PG&E bill you will notice in the Rate Schedule section 'Rotating Outage Block xx'. Most everyone in the Cement Hill area have 'Block 50'. 'Block 50' is exempt from rotating outages you hear about on the News. Usually this exemption is due to a local fire department, or essential community service on the same electrical circuit as your home.

Whenever we don't have enough electricity, PG&E cuts electricity to a block of circuits. There are 14 rotating blocks. Each block will be cut off for about 90 minutes. However, if cutting the electricity to all 14 blocks isn't sufficient, then circuits start automatically shutting down - like your circuit breaker tripping in your home if you use too much electricity on one circuit. If these automatic circuits start tripping vast regions could go without electricity; it's possible the entire western states could lose electricity. If this happens it can take upwards of 12 hours to restore power.

Officials have predicted 34 days of outages this summer, but some believe this is a low estimate. However, it's been reported that Nevada County is one of the best prepared counties in Northern California for the event of outages. ■

For a list of the things you can do go to <http://www.gchna.com/outages>



Coyote Park Cleanup

A big thank you to all who helped with the spring Coyote Park cleanup. Join your neighbors for the fall cleanup. Details in the next issue of this newsletter.



Red Hill Reservoir Update

A letter to NID from GCHNA regarding the the environmental impact and treated water to properties affected by the Red Hill Reservoir.

May 17, 2001

Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
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Nevada City, California 95959

Mr. James Chatigny, General Manager
Nevada Irrigation District
P. O. Box 1019
Grass Valley, CA 95945



Re: Tentative Proposal of the Nevada Irrigation District to declare the Red Hill Reservoir on Indian Flat Road as surplus property

Dear Mr. Chatigny:

We sincerely appreciated Assistant Manager Ben Barretta's attendance at the March 1st informational meeting on the subject matter called by County Supervisor Barbara Green. Mr. Barretta explained the regulating reservoir's long history and current use and the District's tentative proposal to declare it as surplus property. He was very helpful in answering the questions we had at that time.

Since the March 1st meeting, we have done research to better understand short and long-term District plans that could have effects in the Cement Hill and Indian Flat neighborhoods. The research has left us with a number of questions:

I. Because the District Board's motion to declare the reservoir surplus was made without an environmental document, are we correct in assuming that the Board only adopted a "motion of intent" that gives staff direction to begin the planning and environmental review process?

We understand that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a public agency to comply with CEQA whenever it undertakes the discretionary approval of a "project" that has the potential for resulting in a physical change in the environment, directly or ultimately.

Declaring the reservoir surplus is clearly a discretionary act, and the environmental contributions of the reservoir are obvious. The reservoir has biotic, aquatic, hydrologic, aesthetic, historic, recreational and other environmental qualities that could be significantly impacted, depending on the ultimate future of the water body and adjoining lands.

II. What other regulating reservoirs and/or canals within western Nevada County are proposed for surplus and/or alternation (capacity increase, encasement, abandonment, etc.)?

We have reviewed the District's 1993 Raw Water Master Plan that describes its complex water system that includes miles of open canals and a number of regulating reservoirs in addition to the Red Hill Reservoir. Our research does not, however, give us any information on the District's overall plans for other historic reservoirs and canals within our neighborhood or within the greater community of western Nevada County. This lack of available information makes it impossible for our neighborhood, the public in general, and the District Board, to understand and assess both the direct and cumulative impacts of declaring this reservoir surplus

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III. Will the environmental document prepared to address declaring the Red Hill Reservoir surplus also address the design and potential environmental effects of the reservoir by-pass also under consideration? We believe the bypass must also be described and analyzed since CEQA requires that the environmental document look at the “whole of the project”.

IV. Since a number of property owners in our neighborhood use District raw water for domestic purposes, does the District have foreseeable plans to extend treated water to these properties to satisfy the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

Last year, our Association distributed a lengthy survey questionnaire to all residents in our neighborhood. In response to a question regarding water supply, a number of respondents indicated that they use District raw water for domestic use.

V. When a District canal is abandoned and the water supply is redirected to a pipeline in another location, what steps will a property owner need to take, at some time in the future, to obtain raw water for irrigation from the new pipeline when it is not adjacent to his parcel as was the original canal?

VI. Does the elimination of a regulating reservoir affect existing and future raw water ditch connections along the canal currently regulated by the reservoir?

VII. Has the District considered retaining the reservoir as a passive historic and recreational facility?

We note from a review of the State Water Code that recreation is an authorized function of an irrigation district, and we are familiar with the important recreational facilities the District provides at many of its reservoirs.

The responsibilities and heavy workload of you and your staff are recognized and appreciated. Your response to our questions at your convenience will be appreciated. In the meantime, please keep this Association informed of any District activities that will affect our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

GREATER CEMENT HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Martin Pezzaglia, President

*cc: Honorable Barbara Green, Nevada Co. Supervisor, District Five
Nancy Weber, Nevada Irrigation District Director, District One
Ben Barretta, Assistant Manager, Nevada Irrigation District
JP Tindell, Recreation Planner, County of Nevada*

Election of Steering Committee Members & Celebration of Neighborhood Artists

Where: Julie Cobden’s home, 11760 Cement Hill Rd.

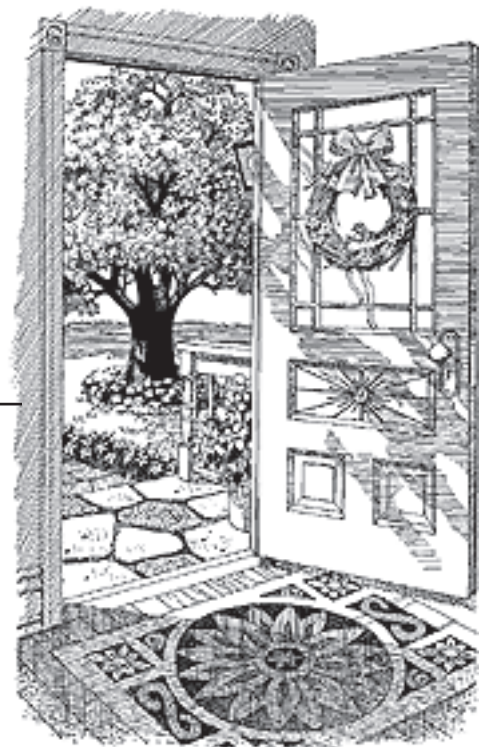
When: Saturday, June 23rd from 4 to 7pm

A brief meeting and election of Steering Members will take place at 6pm. Members will receive a ballot, slate and agenda shortly.

Light refreshments will be served.

Come celebrate the artists, poets, photographers, composers, dancers, illustrators, thespians, and musicians, writers... who live in this neighborhood. It gives us great honor to bring together our creative neighbors that give a unique contribution to our community. Please plan to join us.

Guest artists and neighbors with questions, please call Julie Cobden, 265-5987 and Nancy Lakoduk, 265-5919.



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 \$15 GCHNA membership fee for 2001. Enclosed is a check made out to GCHNA.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Send check and form to: GCHNA, PO Box 1343, Nevada City, CA 95959

NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES

West End Cement Hill

West end of Cement Hill Road, including Sunshadow Circle, Cedar Song Road, and Garesio Ranch Road.

Tim Hagan (rushcreek@saber.net) 265-9746

Applewood Lane

Applewood Lane, including Indian Shack Road.
(vacant)

Gochine Drive

Gochine, including Mr. Auburn Circle.

Tom Basehart (joyhart@gv.net) 478-1624

Upper Cement Hill

Upper Cement Hill Road, including Pine Tree Place, Diamond Oak Drive, Bodie Ridge Road, Skyranch Road, and Elysian Way.

Willie Brusin (brusin@inreach.com) 265-4018

Sunrock Road

Sunrock Road.

Donna Uran 478-1656

Augustine Road / Excelsior Ditch Camp Road

Augustine Road, including Daisy Blue Mine, Leisure Lane, Lazy Oaks Drive, and Excelsior Ditch.

Marty Pezzaglia (mpezz@oro.net) 265-3288

Crystal View Heights

Crystal View, including Golden Oaks.

Andy Oliver (jaoliver@jps.net) 265-0269

Central Cement Hill Road

Central Cement Hill Road, including Whispering Oaks, Merryhill Way, Gold Court, Spanish Quartz, Ragon Road, and Fox Hill Road.

Jeanette Clark (cementhill@aol.com) 265-2680

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.

Glen Cooley 265-4025

Indian Flat Road

Indian Flat Road, including Country Circle and Robinson King Road.

Eileen Jorgensen (magicarpet@jps.net) 265-6415

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. (vacant)

Wet Hill Road

Wet Hill Road, including Sierra Springs Circle, Lower North Bloomfield Road, and Elliot Way.

Nancy Lakoduk (snlduck@nccn.net) 265-5919

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Airport Road, including Tower Hill Road, West Airport Road, East Piper Lane, and Sheriff Road.

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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.





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And a big thanks to all our writers.



GCHNA

Steering Committee Meetings

are held the 2nd Monday of the month. Call your area representative for the meeting location. Meeting agendas are posted 24 hours in advance at the kiosk on Wet Hill and Cement Hill. Non-approved minutes are posted at the kiosk as soon as they are available after a meeting. ■

Two Supervisors

Based on new census numbers, state law requires that county districts be redrawn to balance representation of the population.

Under the proposed new redistricting Cement Hill will have TWO supervisors!

Peter Van Zant (District 1) would have the lower part of Cement Hill, and Barbara Green (District 5) would have the upper part of Cement Hill. San Juan Ridge, which was in Barbara Green's district would be transferred to "Izzy" Martin (District 4).

A public hearing will be held June 26 to review the supervisors' proposed boundary changes. ■

