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Notice: Fire Drill Coming To Your Neighborhood

May 19, 2019 – Mark your Calendars

A big red fire engine with siren screaming down your little street early on a Sunday morning! Firefighters jump out and run around to lay out their humongous water hose. Don't worry if it's on Sunday, May 19th because it's only a practice run for the real thing. The fire squad may be followed by an ambulance to simulate a real accident. They may be followed by a sheriff deputy to knock on your door to simulate a real evacuation. And the animal rescuers may question you about safely evacuating your pets.

Please come out and join these brave souls who are practicing for the real thing. Neighbors are encouraged to ask questions, bring the kids – but hang onto the little ones. The purpose of this exercise is not only to help the first responders get ready for "fire season" but also to help our neighborhoods get ready. You can help them by asking questions and giving them information about your neighborhood.

For the past two years, Cal Fire has conducted these practice exercises in Nevada County.This year, Cal Fire will conduct two fire drills – one in north county and one in south county.The north county training exercise will in



clude three neighborhoods – Greater Champion, Greater Cement Hill, and Lake Vera/Purdin. This one-day training event (Sunday, May 19) will involve 15 to 20 engine companies, some from as far away as Sacramento, and 30 - 40 homes. The Firesafe Council is helping to organize neighborhoods for this event.

The Fire Drill will begin at 9 AM with a Code Red Alert simulation sent out to all those in the neighborhood with Code Red on their phones. To that end, we are encouraging all residents to prepare by putting Code Red on their phones, adding it to their "Contacts" so it shows up as "Code Red" and not just as an "888" number. If you need to add Code Red to your phone, go online to "Code Red" and follow the instructions.

Afterward, (1:30) there will be a

debriefing and review followed by a BBQ lunch at the Rood Center. The neighborhoods are encouraged to join the first responders in this event and discuss the results of the Fire Drill. Nevada County is one of the last areas of California to not experience a major wildfire. What have we learned from Paradise and Santa Rosa? Will you be ready? Will your neighbors be ready? This exercise will go a long way to help us prepare for the next big wildfire. How will your neighborhood survive?

For more information, contact your local Road Representative or the Firesafe Council at 530-272-1122.

Please share this information with anyone who is not receiving this newsletter!

You're All Invited!

2019 Steering Committee Meeting Dates

Monday, June 3

Monday, Aug 5

Monday, Sept. 9 annual membership meeting Monday, Nov. 4

All meetings are at the Community Room of the Madelyn Helling Library 7pm – 8:30pm.



Some Ideas May Be Controversial But Worth Discussing, Like Let's Stop Burning Yard Waste.

Since I moved here full time in 2005 there have been two out-of-control burn piles on my little street alone. Just a few weeks ago an out-of-control yard burn threatened the lives of neighbors on Excelsior Ditch Camp Road. Fine particles aka particulate matter are the most dangerous components of wood smoke from a health perspective. Then there's the nuisance of trying to enjoy the first warm spring day just to smell smoke and retreat back indoors.

One of our neighborhood representatives spoke up on the subject at the last Steering Committee meeting. The area he moved from banned burning yard waste altogether. Alta Sierra, Grass Valley and Nevada City have taken this step as well.

There are better ways to eliminate fuel for wildfires than burning it. Not as much fun but safer. Waste Management provides green waste pickup which is a great idea for smaller and less forested parcels. Free chipping services are available through the Fire Safe Council. And rumor has it that there are designated drop-off areas for vegetation materials on several weekends in May.We'll try to keep you informed as more information becomes available. Kudos to my neighbors who already go through the extra effort to use these resources.

If you have to burn, please do it safely. The website of the Nevada County Fire Safe Council www.areyoufiresafe. com has a wealth of helpful information. Be well and be safe.

Spring Is Tick Season!

As you hike this spring, be aware that certain tick bites can cause Lyme disease. Steps to prevent Lyme disease include using insect repellent, walking on cleared paths with no overhanging vegetation, checking your body after being in tick habitat, and removing ticks promptly. Be careful out there!

GREATER CEMENT HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: 2018 STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES AND 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUES:		PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET		2018 ACTUAL	
NEVENOLS.	Member Dues (& some member donations)	\$	4,750.00	\$	4,910.00
	Interest, other income or adjustments	\$	-	\$	20.00
	Total Income:	\$	4,750.00	\$	4,930.00
EXPENSES:					
	Picnic or Other Firewise Education Events	\$	600.00	\$	281.19
	Gifts, honorariums	\$	-	\$	-
	Spring or Other Event / Annual Mtg	\$	300.00	\$	-
	2 Printed Newsletters (including postage), 1 by email	\$	1,800.00	\$	2,400.58
	D&O Liability Insurance	\$	1,000.00	\$	981.00
	Mtg Room Rent + security deposit + refreshments	\$	180.00	\$	120.00
	Membership (FONA, Land Trust, Firesafe Council)	\$	500.00	\$	499.00
	Consulting - Legal and other	\$	-	\$	-
	Web site, training & other software/web expenses	\$	200.00	\$	195.30
	Misc: P.O. Box Rental, Bank chg., other printing & supplies	\$	150.00	\$	117.53
	Total Expenses:	\$	4,730.00	\$	4,594.60
REVENUES LESS EXPENSES:		\$	20.00	\$	335.40



Beth on Fire

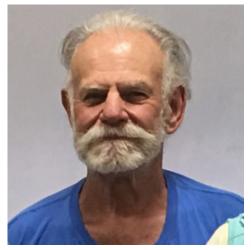
Here are some of Beth's Bullets to remember:

- In the near future, California Fair Plan will be giving a 10% discount for homes in a Firewise Community.
- Register for Code Red at mynevadacounty.com. Be sure to put both Code Red numbers (866-419-5000 and 855-969-4636) into your phone, and importantly, into "Contacts" and "Favorites." Another tip: add your children and out-of-area family members.
- It is a regulation in Nevada County that you have reflective address signs. They can be ordered at areyoufiresafe.com.
- Visit the office of Emergency Services Nevada County website and request a "defensive space in spection" if you are concerned about mitigation of escape routes on your roads or nearby properties.
- For burn information, regulations, and online application for a burn permit, see burnpermit.fire.ca.gov.

Willie Brusin Steps Down

After many years of dedicated participation, Willie has relinquished his position on the Steering Committee to Jeff Coleman-Hunt. He assures us that he'll still attend meetings, but it's a good time to recognize Wille's efforts for GCHNA over these many years. Willie is a specimen of a day gone by: a local who makes it a point to speak his mind after learning the facts.

Willie emerged after GCHNA took a stand against the sale of the BLM land in 2000. He arrived with great



Willie Brusin

experience from his service on a board that managed trails. He was a good partner for Marty Pezzaglia and when they approached Nancy Weber, our NID Director, about bringing pressurized water to our neighborhood, it began a long arduous process that culminated in success. Willie shepherded every step.

He continues to follow NID actions and attends an annual meeting with NID to ensure that NID lives up to its original promise on the term of the debt obligation. He also keeps our meetings moving along with his prompt departure at 8:30! It's become quite the joke. Willie comes up with creative ideas and brings the history of local issues and politics into discussions. Willie cares about our community and there's no doubt that he'll continue to be an active member of GCHNA and keep speaking his mind.

gchna.com Has A New Look

Thanks to the efforts of William Mandel and Christina Reskie, the GCHNA website has been updated. You'll find maps of our neighborhood including one with the evacuation fire exits, contact information for Steering Com-



mittee Reps, copies of the newsletters, and minutes from Steering Committee meetings. There's general information on fire safety with links to helpful organizations and current issues of concern. As a Firewise Community, GCHNA must collect data on the work members do to create defensible space. We provide a form that you'll find under Fire Safe Tips - Matching Funds Fire Risk Contributions. In perusing the site, under Road Maintenance, I found interesting information on traffic incidents on County roads. *Please check it out!*

Newsletter Changes to Come

The cost of printing and mailing 3 newsletters each year is one of our largest expenses - \$2,400 last year. It's our desire this year to begin the process of gearing up to send the next issue electronically to as many of you as possible. The idea is that each January issue would be mailed as usual with the membership information and an envelope, but the Spring and Fall issues would be sent electronically. The savings would be substantial. This can't happen overnight, but we want you to know it's in the works. We'll be collecting email addresses. Right now we have about half of the email addresses that we need. If you believe we don't have your email address and you'd like to receive an electronic newsletter this summer, you can send your address to Eve Collins at collins@theunion. net. Know that the newsletters are available on the gchna.com website. Feel free to let us know your ideas about what's in the works.



Annette Seabury



My name is Annette Seabury and living here in Nevada City was an accident, a very happy accident! My dad lived here for 8 years and it was his dream home. When he passed away, it was such an easy decision to make the move to such a beautiful community. My husband, Alex Hill, and I both grew up in the Bay Area and are beyond blessed to move to West Piper Lane. We will be permanent residents in June, and for now we run up there on assorted days to bring a load, paint a wall and tend to what will be our garden. Alex is a general contractor and has built beautiful homes, bathroom and kitchen remodels, you name it. He is quite handy to have around! I am an Assistive Technology Specialist and I work with the special needs population-young and seasoned alike. My work is satisfying and when I am not helping others my hobbies include art (mosaics), nature and social events.

Being a part of the Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association seems like the right thing to do.After all we live among each other- we should know each other!! Coming from the Bay Area where many people in a neighborhood never get to know each other's names, it has become very important to us to KNOW our neighbors. As a community we can do so much and I am excited to be a part of it!

Patricia Fuenzalida New Sunrock Rep



Hello to all my new neighbors! I am a born and raised San Francisco Bay Area native who was fortunate to grow up in the town of Burlingame during a charmed Mayberry R.F.D. time period ... small town feel and an active community. I left for Los Angeles during my twenties to pursue a career in the entertainment business and enjoyed a hard working and playing twelve or so years. The work that best suited my abilities was production and I find that those skills continue to serve me well. I enjoy being part of a team, getting to know my crew and pitching in to get a project done.

After returning home and caring for my lovely mother I recognized that there would be another move in my future. My half brother Patrick and sister-in-law Rita always spoke so enthusiastically about their town of Nevada City which became a big factor in choosing where to call home next. Nevada City and the surrounding area has all the elements that were most important to me and my partner in life, Noel ... community, trees, mountains, rivers and lakes, family, art, great local food ... our time here has been brief so far but we couldn't have received a more warm welcome and we look forward to growing into this wonderful community more and more. Saying 'yes' to the role of Sunrock road rep was a good step in that direction... thank-you to my neighbor Susan Wiesner for encouraging me.

Don Enoch



Don Enoch, road representative for the Indian Trails subdivision, joins the GCHNA with a particular awareness of the interplay between fire safety and home construction. Over a multi-decade career in construction that included theatrical set building in Los Angeles and New York, as well as traditional custom home building from Connecticut to Seattle. Don is now retired from construction as well as a fifteen-year career in stage directing in New York and another seventeen years as an English teacher in a high-performance secondary school in Los Angeles. As the owner of To the Point, a mobile sharpening service, he now focuses on the needs of the chef, the gardener, and the wood-worker, providing them with the sharpness needed to be effective, safe, and joyful in their pursuits.



Suuzi Webb



Suuzi is a mother and farmer. Spencer Seim, Suuzi's husband, is a Nevada County native who was raised on Applewood Lane. Since 2009 Suuzi and Spencer have lived on the Wet Hill farm which was originally settled by the Towle family in the 1860s. Thank you for the time you take and for this opportunity to be involved with our community.

Suuzi

Control Your Scotch Broom

Now's the time to get rid of Scotch Broom. It can quickly take over open spaces and is a fire hazard. Plants should be dug or pulled out taking care to remove as much root as possible. Disturbance of the soil during pulling may cause germination of broom seeds in the soil, so the area should be monitored to control new seedlings.

Weed wrenches can be borrowed from the Fire Safe Council in May after the April Scotch Broom Challenges. Call 530-272-1122 for availability.An application can be downloaded from the website and there's a video on how to use one.

Remember to keep track of the hours you spend on improving the defensible space on your property. To maintain our status as a Firewise Community, we must demonstrate a measurable level of effort per household for reducing wildfire risk. Hours can be submitted to Beth Enoch, our Firewise Rep.

Pulled Scotch Broom can be burned, but covering piles of broom and allowing it to break down works too.

If You Must Burn, Know the Rules

The Air District encourages people to find alternatives to open burning for vegetation disposal. Chipping, composting, hauling and curbside green waste pickup (such as through Waste Management at 274-3090 in western Nevada County) are all popular alternatives. Nonetheless, the District understands that open burning is a cost-effective, timeefficient and resource-protective way for many people in Nevada County to dispose of unwanted brush and limbs. Here is what you need to know.

You must always check the Burn Day Status to see if it is a burn day. Burn only natural vegetation. Burn hot and clean! You are not allowed to create a smoke nuisance for anyone (and could be cited if you do).

Vegetation to be burned must be stacked loosely to ensure good combustion.

Your burn pile cannot exceed 4' by 4' when residential burn permits are required.



GCHNA Membership Renewal Reminder

By Eve Collins, Membership Chair

Thank you to the many members who have renewed their membership for the 2019 year. Please check our list in this newsletter for our current 2019 paid memberships to see if you have already paid this year's dues. If you've mailed your check recently, your name may not appear due to a publishing and mailing time lag. If you have any questions, please call the Membership Chair, Eve Collins at 265-6540.

As usual the grace period is over on June 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.

Again, remember the grace period is June 1st. So, please fill out the membership form in this newsletter or use the form available on our website - <u>www.gchna.com</u> and mail it with your check for \$20 to:

GCHNA P.O. Box 1343, Nevada City, CA 95959, by June 1st.

Thank you so much for your support this past year and we look forward to your continued support in 2019.



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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 2019. Enclosed is a check made out to GCHNA.

NAME(s)	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE	FAX
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Mail check & form to: GCHNA, PO Box 1343, Nevada City, CA 95959 I would like to become involved. Please contact me.



West End Cement Hill

West end of Cement Hill Road, including Sunshadow Circle, Cedarsong 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) 478-5663

Upper Cement Hill

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

Jeff Coleman-Hunt (jeff@jhwoodworking.com) 478-9932

Sunrock Road

Patricia Fuenzalida (explorerpatty@gmail.com) 650 302-2202

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

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. Randall Newsome (ranjack58@comcast.com) 415-4732

Indian Flat Road

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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 Suuzi Webb (suuzihazen@gmail.com). 913-6611

Airport Road

Airport Road, including Tower Hill Road, West Airport Road, East Piper Lane, and Sheriff Road. Annette Seabury (netsnuthouse@yahoo.com) 925-642-3799

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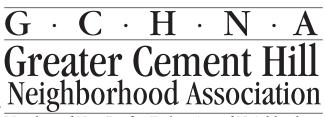
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The Cement Hill CFD Guide Booklet is now on the District's website at the following link.

<http://nidwater.com/cement-hillproject/cement-hill-cfd-projectdocuments/>http://nidwater.com/ cement-hill-project/cement-hill-cfdproject-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 1st - December 31st

Membership Dues due by February 1st Grace period to May 1st

Anyone may join anytime during the year but will have to negotiate with Ferrellgas if joining after June 1st.

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