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Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association

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WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Mark Your Calendars! Steering Committee Meeting Schedule For 2020

Monday, Jan. 6
Monday, March 2
Monday, May 4

These 3 meetings will be held at 7pm at the Community Room of the Madelyn Helling Library at the Rood Center off Hwy 49 in Nevada City.



Monday, July 6
Monday, August 3
Monday, Nov. 2

These meetings may need to be held at a different location if the Community Room is unavailable. We'll keep you posted.

GCHNA'S annual meeting with elections has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Sept 20.
YOU'RE ALL INVITED!

Annual Membership Meeting and Election

By Ellen Hagan

The GCHNA annual meeting with election of Steering Committee members and officers was held Monday evening, Sept. 9, at the outdoor amphitheater at the Madelyn Helling Library. Thank you to all who attended! Thank you to the event committee: Ellen Hagan, Susan

Wiesner, Debbie Wandro, Terry Wagner, Eve Collins, Patricia Fuenzalida, Christina Reski, and Uli Paulin for organizing the event. Thank you Uli for being our emcee. About 40 neighbors met to socialize over pizza and incredibly delicious desserts. Thank you Flour Garden.

County Supervisor Heidi Hall and Terry McMahan from Consolidated Fire were our speakers. Heidi spoke

of County accomplishments including the cannabis ordinance and efforts to improve broadband access. Clearing brush from county roadways is a priority and has doubled this year, but there is a lot more to be done. She understands concerns about fire insurance and suggested making the State Insurance Commissioner Mr. Lara aware of problems.

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

Terry McMahan and Steve Mueller spoke about fire preparedness giving us useful tips including the importance of reflective signs that tell firefighters your house number. Private roads and driveways need to be clear of brush to allow fire trucks easy access. When humidity is down in the teens and wind is up, be prepared. Get the latest information about fires from Yuba Net and the Cal Fire Facebook page. Grant money is being spent on the Ponderosa project clearing fuel breaks. Patrol cars will soon have a high/low siren which would signal the need for evacuation. Steve mentioned the AlertWildfire camera system at Lake Tahoe as a useful tool for firefighters.

Beth Enoch was recognized for her outstanding work as GCHNA's Firewise Community Rep. She attends meetings of the Coalition, supports the FireSafe Council's projects, and completes the paperwork necessary for GCHNA to maintain our Firewise designation. She will be stepping down from her position and volunteers are needed on a Firewise Committee. Contact Uli if you can help.

Elections were held and the Steering Committee which now numbers 21 has been reelected once again. Officers are Uli Paulin, President; Susan Wiesner, Treasurer; and Ellen Hagan, Secretary. Road Reps and At Large members are listed on page 7 of this newsletter. Be sure to take notice of who represents your area and feel free to contact them for information. New members are always welcome! Come to a meeting to participate!



President's Message

By Uli Paulin

Stress is "a state of mental or emotional strain or tension resulting from adverse or very demanding circumstances." Power outages, wildfires, mud slides, insurance and utility bankruptcies, electromagnetic radiation, slow Internet, chem trails and con trails - the past year was a great exercise in maintaining our sanity under adverse circumstances, real or imagined. There is no shortage of either. How to pace ourselves doing what we can when we can, that seems to be the challenge. I hope GCHNA is a source of comfort and support assuring us that we are not alone facing and addressing the challenges that come along with home ownership and living in our area. It sure is to me.

Stress results from anxiety and feeling a lack of control. Even more important is to keep working on the things we can control or at least influence. From pulling Scotch Broom to sending letters to the Governor, from blowing the leaves off our roofs to attending and speaking up at community meetings, from checking on our neighbors to paying our annual dues - we got the power. OK, the latter was a cheap shot but, hey, it's that time of the year.

We're a sizable organization and sometimes it's easier to talk to

individuals or small groups from our immediate neighborhood. If you don't know them yet, please look up your neighborhood representative in this Newsletter and tell them Hi. Let them know your concerns and ideas. Your neighborhood Rep has a list of GCHNA members in your area. Whatever is appropriate to work together and enhance the quality of life in our immediate area - let's go for it.

Have a happy and safe 2020.

Pascale Fusshoeller On The Power Outages

Pascale Fusshoeller from Yuba Net which is an important link to local information spoke about her experience with the recent power outages at the November 4 GCHNA meeting. Communication problems included difficulties with some cell towers and some at&t lines being down. Batteries went dead and at&t brought in generators to recharge them. Pascale gave emergency broadcasts through KVMR.

Pascale suggested that GCHNA encourage neighbors to communicate with one another, be aware of vulnerable neighbors, and share resources. Make sure your address is on the PG&E outage map. Usage time is an issue. We can try to use power at non-peak times.

She encouraged us to attend a Town Hall meeting at the GV Vets Hall Fri. 11/8 where many agencies were represented to discuss how the community can better cope with future outages.

Susan Gregory, our Daisy Blue Mine Road Rep, listened to the Nov. 18 Town Hall meeting on KVMR and

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Beth on Fire

By Beth Enoch



watched the video on YubaNet. Here are her comments.

There was a full panel of community representatives who shared a disappointment with PG&E which was not represented at the meeting.

My take away is that our public, private agencies all felt they did a good job of working together and coordinating efforts to serve Nevada County during those events.

There was tremendous effort described by paid and unpaid staff to meet the needs of vulnerable people. There were agencies mentioned including police, sheriff, 211, and Connect, Freed and others I was not familiar with. The point was made that it is this coordination that makes us different from Paradise.

Pascal emphasized that PG&E has not committed to setting up the large generators that powered Grass Valley in the next PSPS. Nevada City wants that as well. The business owners represented were outraged by their loss of income.

The panel represented a group of articulate, thoughtful people which was reassuring to me.

Their greatest frustration in working with PG&E was the lack of accurate information regarding shut down/turn on times. This made their jobs so much harder and confusing.

There was talk from NID about taking over power generation for Nevada County. NID had spent time investigating this possibility and was pretty detailed in their ideas.



To mitigate is reducing risk of loss from the occurrence of any undesirable event. In the case of a fire, it means reducing the fuels on your property, hardening your structure by re-siding with stucco or Hardi-plank, closing off under decks with non-flammable material such as corrugated metal or Hardy-plank, screening all vents to 1/8" and gravelling five feet out from all structures.

But mitigation is also knowledge and planning. Having a "to go bag" and plan, walking possible evacuation routes, a shelter-in-place plan, or a neighborhood phone tree to alert your community.

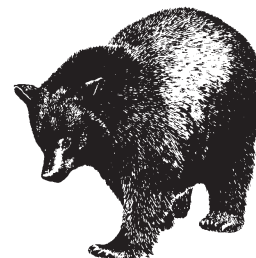
In preparing the 2019 report to NFPA (National Fire Prevention Association) for Greater Cement Hill's renewal of certification, I was struck by how much great work was done this past year. Perhaps it was Paradise, insurance cancellations, or even the preparation for our Drill, but the threshold per dwelling of \$954.93 for the 405 habitable units in our community would require us to invest \$10,299.00 on mitigation. This year we recorded a whopping \$386,463.00!

Congratulations to the thirty-six households that sent me their reduction investments. Additionally, Nevada City did work on the lands they manage in Cement Hill, Sierra Streams continued to reduce fuels in Hirshmann Pond and the goats provided assistance to them. I can only imagine how much those numbers would have been with more homeowner participation.

An updated form is provided in this newsletter to help with this annual collection. If you neglected to get me the great work you did this year, add it to next year. Mitigation is cumulative. Importantly, Nevada County strives to be the first 100% Firewise community in the nation.

A special recognition to Paul and Mary Trethery who journaled their entire year day-to-day efforts to defend their property. While they had some large and costly projects with removal of trees, they doubled their total to over \$15,000.00 by their tasks of raking, ridding property of ladder fuels, removing hazardous plants, and properly disposing of green waste.

As announced last GCHNA meeting, I will continue to work the mitigation forms and submissions to NFPA, but now need assistance from Road Reps and members to reach out to neighbors to collect mitigation form information, prepare action plans and attend a variety of meetings needing Firewise representation. Your help is needed! Please contact the Steering Committee to volunteer your assistance for tasks large and small.



A New Defensible Space Advisor -Annette Seabury



I recently completed the 2 day Defensible Space Advisor training through the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County. Once I complete my mandated 2 visits with my mentor, I will be able to go out and complete the advisor visits on my own! I have requested that I serve The Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood and the request was greeted with much appreciation. So, as soon as I get those two visits under my belt, I look forward to visiting as many neighbors that request a home visit!

For people to get a one-on-one consultation, free of cost, to guide and suggest ideas for maximum defensible space, go here:

www.areyoufiresafe.com

I look forward to seeing neighbors at their homes in the upcoming months as we prepare for the fire season of 2020!

Annette Seabury

Guidelines For Gasoline Storage

Submitted by Susan Wiesner

■ Gasoline must be stored in an approved fuel can or tank – usually 5 gallons or less. Be sure to leave some room in the container to allow for some expansion. Don't use glass jugs or old milk containers.



■ Keep gasoline containers tightly sealed and handle them gently to avoid spills.

■ Store gasoline at room temperature, away from potential heat sources such as the sun, a hot water heater, a space heater or a furnace.

■ Store gasoline in a detached shed or garage – at least 50 feet away from ignition sources, such as pilot lights. Gasoline vapors are heavier than air and can travel along the floor to ignition sources.

■ Be sure to check with your local authorities for any additional regulations regarding fuel storage.

■ Gas does become stale, it must be rotated no less than every six months.

■ Never ever fuel a hot engine.

■ Ideally when the engine will not be used for an extended period of time, it's best to drain the fuel tank and then run the engine until it stalls.

Generator Safety

Reprinted from the Coalition for Firewise Communities website.



Recent power outages have caused many of us to buy generators. Here are some things you should know. Recent fires near

Rattlesnake Road and the Indian Springs Road area were caused by generator problems. Hazards include: shocks and electrocution from improper use of power or accidentally energizing other electrical systems, carbon monoxide from a generator's exhaust, and fires from improperly fueling a generator.

Never attach a generator directly to the electrical system of a home unless a qualified electrician has properly installed the generator with a transfer switch. Attaching a generator directly to a building electrical system can energize wiring systems for great distances. This creates a risk of electrocution for utility workers in the area.

Never use a generator indoors or in enclosed spaces. 3 to 4 feet of clear space on all sides of the generator is needed. Many people have died from CO poisoning because their generator was not adequately ventilated. Generators become hot while running and fuel can ignite when spilled on hot engine parts.

Generator engines vibrate and create noise. Protect yourself from excessive noise that can cause hearing loss. If you have questions about how to use your generator, call a qualified electrician. Please use your generator responsibly.



**Have you done work to make your property more firesafe?
Send us your data!**

Submit mitigation numbers to Beth Enoch by October 1st, 2020 by mail or drop off at:
10475 Indian Trail, Nevada City, CA 95959 (or) Email to enochclan@gmail.com (or) Call (530) 687-5570

**Firesafe Mitigation Form
Household Fire Risk Contributions For GCHNA – 2020**

House (hours invested on projects) Risk reduction roof to foundation. Examples:

- Clean litter from roof and gutters
- Screen vents, enclose soffits and eaves
- Clean and clear under decks (flammables and vegetation)
- Fire resistant roofing, siding or decking

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 feet from house and cover with a firesafe tarp

Hours _____ # of people _____

0 TO 30 Feet From House

- Lawn maintenance
- Space trees with an 18' separation between tree canopies
- Reduce all ladder fuels
- Thin and limb up all trees reducing the crowns

Hours _____ # of people _____

Extended Zone 30 – 100 Feet

- Remove all needles within 30 feet of house
- Thin trees and ladder fuels

Hours _____ # of people _____

Money Spent

- Chipper rental, fuel, disposal fees
- Chainsaws (rental or purchase)
- Power equipment, hand tools
- Arborists, landscapers, forestry service
- Green waste removal fees, number of runs

Total \$ _____



2020 GCHNA Membership Renewal Notice

It's 2020! and time to renew your GCHNA membership for the year 2020. Thank you for your support this last year and we hope you continue with us in the new year. Renewal of your GCHNA membership is due February 1st with a grace period until May 1st. This year included an annual meeting beside the County library and our information packed newsletter that is a source of pride for us. Please be aware that this Winter newsletter will be the only printed newsletter this year. So, if you wish to continue receiving our Spring and Summer newsletters, we need to have your email address in our database. If you're not sure we have your email address, make sure to complete the email line on the renewal form. If you have questions, you can always email us at collins@theunion.net. Know also that you can check our website at www.gchna.com for the current and archived newsletters. Also, the Ferrellgas propane contract, available to our membership, is the envy of many. Steering Committee meetings held bi-monthly avail everyone the opportunity for a voice in the community. To renew or join, please fill out the membership form on page 7 or use the form available on our website - www.gchna.com - and mail it with your check for \$20 to GCHNA, P.O. Box 1343, Nevada City, CA 95959. Thank you again so much for your support and we hope you will continue supporting your neighborhood association in 2020.

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David & Shirley Yeager
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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 2020. Enclosed is a check made out to GCHNA.

NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ CELL _____

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, Cedarson Road, and Garesio Ranch Road.
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Applewood Lane

Applewood Lane, including Indian Shack Road.
Larry Heinimi, (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.
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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.
Marjorie McConnell (maggie2@sonic.net) 265-9787
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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.
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Firewise Community Rep

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

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

Indian Flat Road, including Indian Trails, Country Circle, Woods Ravine Ct. and Robinson King Road.
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Southside Cement Hill

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<https://www.ferrellgas.com/>
The Fire Safe Council
272-1122
www.areyoufiresafe.com
FONA Web Site
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/>>
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GCHNA Mission Statement

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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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