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NOTE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER Dan Warren

It is great to see Glenshire Drive's restoration, improvements and repaving from the West end of Glenshire to Donner Pass road being finished this year. Along with this wonderful benefit, it's also great to see the Town of Truckee taking pride in its community with the continuing improvements to Commercial Road and the outlook for more improvements in the future. For those who remember to the days before Truckee was incorporated, Glenshire Drive was so full of pot holes, ruts and bad pavement, getting from one end to the other was a driving adventure in itself. The last few years the tire wear tracks had gotten so bad that during rain storms you would get pulled from side to side by the standing water making what should be an easy drive a white knuckle, hold on for the ride experience.

The restoration of Glenshire Drive is not unlike an improvement on your house and we should try to keep it in good condition. In this edition of the Shire there is an article on studless snow tires. Studded tires are one of the largest contributors of wear on Glenshire Drive. With the new technology in studless snow tires and our efforts to reduce / consolidate trips this might be one of our best way at keeping Glenshire Drive in good condition for a longer period of time.



With efforts to keep Glenshire Drive and our properties in good condition, and with the addition of the Legacy Trail, Glenshire continues to become one of the best places to live in the North Lake Tahoe Truckee area. We see it in increased pride in ownership of property in the Association. Owners continue to maintain and improve their property at an increasing rate. The GDRA board of directors has also heard the voices of the community and continue to work to upgrade the facilities and in combination, home values continue to rise at a vigorous rate.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

6:30pm at the Glenshire Clubhouse
 15726 Glenshire Drive
 October 14, 2015
 November 11, 2015
 January 13, 2016
 February 10, 2016

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Design Review Committee (DRC) meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7am. DRC meetings will be canceled if no items are on the agenda 10 days in advance of the meeting.

GLENSHIRE DEVONSHIRE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Pool Facilities Project Update

The construction crew broke ground as planned on September 8th and all is moving along nicely as scheduled!

All demo work completed

All buildings that were permanent have been removed. All sheds moved to parking lot for use as storage units. All pool decks removed Concrete at lower building access removed.

Pool demo is completed

New 6" sewer line installation completed. Drainage, including around the existing clubhouse, is being worked on. New pool piping is being installed. New gas line, electrical lines, and water lines to service new

building and pool equipment in process. Check our website or facebook page for future updates.

2016 Special Assessment

Reminder—
 A special assessment of \$933 per parcel will be due March 1, 2016

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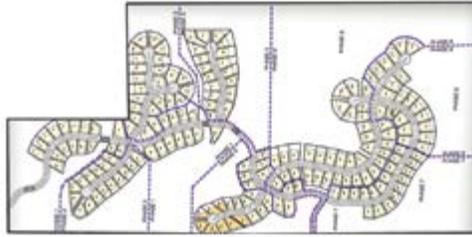
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2015 Board of Directors Election Results

It's been an exciting election this season. Four candidates were running for three open seats. August 12th was "Candidates night" at the clubhouse where members of the association were able to write questions and hear the candidates' responses. All four candidates seemed to have a vested interest in our community.

The election results are in! There were 1062 votes cast in this year's election. The three elected candidates are Sally Lyon, Dan Engler and Pam Stock.

We would like to thank ALL of the candidates for their willingness to volunteer their time to make our community a better place to live.



Canyon Springs Update

SOS Glenshire reports that the proposed development of 185+ parcels are now in the final phases of its Environmental Impact Review process. We expect the Final Environmental Impact Report to be released this November. At that time, the Planning Commission will hold a hearing to approve or deny the project. This will be the FINAL opportunity for public voices to be heard—community presence at this Hearing is important! Visit www.sosglenshire.org to receive updates and see how you can get involved!

Give To Those In Need—Keep Our Community Great

Would you like to help a neighbor or do you need some assistance from your neighbors?

GDRA has heard from home owners who suspect there are neighbors in our community that struggle to pay their home owner assessments. We are collecting names of people who are willing to help neighbors with their GDRA assessments. We are also collecting names of residents who are in need of help with their assessment payments.

If you would like to help out others in our community, please send us your name and contact information (to be kept confidential).

If you need assistance, please send us your name and contact information, along with a short (100 words or less) description of your need. (Only to be released to those who are willing to help).

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“TREEBULATIONS”

Q: I own a tree that shades my neighbor’s solar panels. They say that I’m violating the law. Don’t I have the right to grow trees on my property?

A: Of course you have the right to grow trees on your property. However, in 1978 California enacted the Solar Shade Control Act (SSCA) which put limitation on shading solar collectors during hours of maximum solar intensity. (note: this pertains to solar energy collectors and not windows, walls, driveways etc.) In general, the right to shade a solar collector depends on who was there first. If your tree was there first, then you’re in the right. However, if the solar collector was there first, then you may have to remove or trim the tree.

Q: Do I have the right to cut back a tree, but not kill or seriously injure it.

A: In 1886, the basic California rule regarding encroaching trees was established in the case of Grandona – v – Lovdal: Tree branches overhanging a neighbor’s property are nuisances, and the adjoining landowner may cut the branches back to the property line. In later cases, this same rule was extended to include the cut back of roots (Crance –v- Hems 1936 and Flick –v- Nilson 1950). However, the cutting back of branches and roots must be done in a way that does not harm the overall health of the tree (Booksa – v – Patel 1994). The neighbor may also sue for damages or to force the tree owner to remove the tree but will have to prove nuisance (Donde – v – Bishop 1952)

Q: What if some pine needles have fallen from your neighbor’s tree onto your property? Can you force the neighbor to pick up those needles or ask for the cost of clean-up?

A: In general, your neighbor’s liability depends on proving a “private nuisance”. This requires three elements:

- First, the tree must be an obstruction to the reasonable use or enjoyment of the property.
- Second, most judges require that the actual damage must be substantial.
- Third, the invasion must be deemed “unreasonable” from an objective viewpoint

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Let's Not Take The Night Sky For Granted

Light pollution can be excessive and obtrusive, and too much light pollution has its consequences. The foremost consequence is the washing out of starlight from the night sky. Light pollution also wastes energy, interferes with ecosystems and astronomical research, and it can have adverse health effects.

It was only 100 years ago that we could walk outside and see the Milky Way across the night sky. Seeing the thousands of stars was a part of everyone's daily lives. With more than half the world's population living in cities, there are a lot of people that have never experienced the thousands of stars that appear in the night sky.

Let's not take the night sky for granted. We are lucky to be able to see most of those thousands of stars and galaxies here in Glenshire. Let's continue to reduce light pollution by following these simple tasks: shield lights properly, only use light when and where needed, only use the amount that is needed, and use bulbs with appropriate power distributions for the task at hand. Please visit the GDRA office to view lighting samples or ask questions.



Halloween 2015 Donate Candy

With Halloween just around the corner, the Glenshire community will be preparing for all of the trick-or-treaters to arrive! The areas around the Glenshire

Elementary School have become one of the best places in Truckee to bring your children for safe and fun trick or treating. If you are one of those houses that does not see many trick-or-treaters on Halloween but would like to help keep Glenshire the most desirable community in the greater North Tahoe Truckee area to live, feel free to donate a bag of candy to the Glenshire Clubhouse so we can distribute extra candy to the

houses that get hundreds of trick-or-treaters! If you are one of the homes that gets hundreds of visits, please contact the GDRA offices before October 30th to be put on the distribution list. To see a time lapse of 2014 Halloween on Evensham check it out on our Nov 5, 2014 Facebook post or search YouTube for "An Evensham Halloween". The Glenshire Elementary Students are taking donations during trick-or-treat for UNICEF. (United Nations Children's Fund) 90% of the funds go to children in other countries who need water, food, shelter, etc. So please keep a bit of pocket change by the door as well!

We appreciate your donation and have a Happy and Safe Halloween!



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP By Liberty Utilities

Some folks may think environmental stewardship and improving electric service reliability are mutually exclusive, but nothing could be further from the truth.

Liberty Utilities' 650 Line Upgrade Project is a great example of this. This older transmission line is susceptible to overloading. Upgrading the line to eventually operate at a higher voltage as part of a loop will allow greater load transfer and switching ability, reducing this risk.

The first phase started in early August with completion by mid-October. Running from Martis Valley to the Northstar substation, it crosses the valley and follows the east side of Highway 267. Construction consists primarily of replacing old wooden poles with steel material that weathers with age to resemble wood and blend with the environment.

Just like you, Liberty Utilities appreciates the natural beauty of the region we live in, and want to do all we can to preserve it. Liberty is required to meet specific environmental requirements per our permit conditions, and I want to assure customers of our commitment to do so, as well as let you know about some of those measures.

Much of the upgrade keeps the line in its existing alignment. To reduce impact to the surrounding environment, we use "matting" which are wooden planks laid down as a path for equipment to use so ground cover is minimally disturbed as we access these structures. Liberty has also developed a habitat restoration plan, working with local, state and federal agencies that have oversight. Everyone working on the project is required to complete a Worker Environmental Awareness

Program that addresses the high environmental standards established.

I invite you to visit www.libertyutilities.com/west to learn more about this project as well as other ways we're improving your electric service.



Greg Sorensen joined Liberty Utilities-CA as President in 2015 after the previous president's retirement. Greg has been with Liberty Utilities in various positions throughout the nation and Canada for the past ten years. He grew up in California and is happy to return home.



Finding Happiness & Joy— 5 reasons why experiences are better than possessions

- 1 Experiences are prone to “positive reinterpretation,” meaning you’ll instinctively turn a bad memory into a positive one, whereas a bad purchase will stay sour in your mind.
- 2 Material possessions are prone to “hedonic adaptation,” which is a fancy way of saying the novelty will wear off. An experience, on the other hand, is wonderful in the moment and re-livable in retrospect.
- 3 Experiences can’t be compared in the same way that stuff is, which makes everyone’s experience unique. Two different people can sit on a dock at Donner Lake and come home with two different great experiences or one combined great experience.
- 4 Experiences contribute to our personal identities in a way that material possessions do not.
- 5 Experiences bring us closer to other people. They are a great conversation-starter and make us more interesting.

Experientialism is replacing materialism as the new status quo. Currently many brands and advertisers are already offering experiences in place of, or in conjunction with, the purchase of goods.

Experience just has to be something you enjoy and not something that you think others think is in vogue. It could be pulling weeds in the sunny garden, or throwing darts in a friend’s basement, going to Truckee Thursdays or having a good conversation with someone you love or care for. It doesn’t have to cost any money, and it doesn’t have to look good on Instagram in order to count.

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625 years old
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The Lancaster Tree

This August the Town of Truckee removed an old growth Jeffrey Pine that was located on Lancaster Circle.

This majestic tree was damaged in a hail storm in 2012 and never recovered.

The tree was approximately 625 years old, 126 feet tall and almost 7 feet in diameter. It weighed approximately 120,000 pounds.

Glenshire was lucky enough to work with the Town of Truckee in securing a piece for our playground.

We would like to thank the Town of Truckee for allowing us to preserve this piece of the Lancaster tree so that future generations can see how large the majority of the trees in our area used to be.





Needless to say, we are excited to introduce a new way to give, with Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, donating your "vehicle." By calling 800.240.0160 or filling out an online form, you can easily donate your car, truck, RV, motorcycle, boat, etc.

Over the phone, you will be helped step-by-step to ensure that you get the fair market value for your vehicle (no matter its condition) so that you can include it with your itemized tax deductions with the least amount of paper work. Your vehicle will be towed for free and upon its sale you will receive a receipt. It really is that easy!

DRIVE CHANGE By Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation

The Tahoe-Truckee community is a wonderfully diverse population, and that is part of what makes living here so liberating and exciting. One constant that runs through the veins of this region is the charitable nature and inherent need of our citizens, second homeowners and visitors to give back to Tahoe. For this

reason, TTCF always searches for innovative ways that our neighbors can give what they can, when they can. Whether it is through volunteering, cash donations, or establishing donor advised funds, every bit helps shape the future of our region and people.



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These advanced classes are designed for people who have participated in a reward-based puppy or basic dog training class program and are ready take their dog or puppy to the next level of training. The emphasis of this class will be on strengthening their focus on their person around distractions, as well as teaching them to respond at a distance.

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If you have extra garbage, give us a call to see if we have room in our dumpster. Please do not dump your personal trash without permission. Once you have permission, Wednesdays are best for dumping. If we have room, we don't mind helping, but please ask!

Terra Firma Fitness Yoga & Massage

At the Clubhouse on Thursday evenings beginning October 8, 9:15 – 10:15pm. Contact Amy at Amylu@thegrid.net, 209.662.4146 terrafirmafitness.com. Prices: \$12 drop-in, \$50 for 5-pack/\$110 for 10 pack.

Emergencies, Crime, Important Information

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Lake Trail Fund Raising Campaign

A huge thanks to everyone who has donated towards the lake trail! If you haven't made a donation to the Lake Trail yet, please take a minute and send it to the Glenshire Lake Trail Project, in care of the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation, P.O. Box 366, Truckee, CA 96161. Many upgrades and drainage revisions are being planned. Contact the GDRA offices to be on the Lake Trail Committee.

The Shire Has A New Look!

It is with great excitement that we unveil the new design of the Glenshire Devonshire Residents Association's newsletter. It is our hope that the new updated design is more user-friendly and pleasing to the eye, while still providing you with the pertinent information that is important to you and our community. We'd again like to thank the advertisers for supporting the cost for the design and printing of the newsletter and we ask that whenever possible please take advantage of the wonderful services and products that our advertisers offer.

Airplane noise overhead?

On occasion we get a report of a noisy low flying aircraft over the Glenshire Devonshire area. Truckee Tahoe Airport has a reporting sight to create a data base that will help them address any issues and take proper corrective actions. To report low flying aircraft go to TruckeeTahoeAirport.com/contact



It's A Winter Myth, No Need to Idle— Keep Our Air Clean

Idling = Zero Miles per gallon

There's a very common myth about winter driving that leads to a tremendous amount of waste and air pollution. Most people believe that when it's cold outside, that you still need to idle a car for an extended period of time before driving off to avoid causing mechanical damage. That might have been true once upon a time (in the era of carburetors), but modern engines and modern oil only need a relatively short warm up period; after that, the best way to warm up a vehicle is to drive it (granted, if you're going to immediately jump on a highway and drive at high speeds, you might want to warm it up a bit more, but for regular low-speed driving, there's no need).

Don't believe it? Here's what the U.S. Department of Energy says:

Avoid idling. Think about it -- idling gets you 0 miles per gallon. The best way to warm up a vehicle is to drive it. No more than 30 seconds of idling on winter days

is needed. Anything more simply wastes fuel and increases emissions.



Here's what the Natural Resources Department says:

Contrary to popular belief, excessive idling is not an effective way to warm up your vehicle, even in cold weather. The best way to warm it up is to drive it. In fact, with today's computer-controlled engines, even on cold winter days, usually no more than two to three minutes of idling is enough warm-up time needed for the average vehicle before starting to drive – but make sure that windows are

free from snow and properly defrosted before driving away!

This myth about idling engines in cold weather is so pervasive that the consequences are quite harmful. A 2009 study estimated the impacts:

Those who held inaccurate beliefs idled, on average, over 1 min longer than the remainder of the sample. These data suggest that idling accounts for over 93 MMt of CO₂ and 10.6 billion gallons (40.1 billion liters) of gasoline a year, equaling 1.6% of all US emissions. Much of this idling is unnecessary and economically disadvantageous to drivers.

The environment and your wallet will thank you!

So we still encourage you to be a rebel and take up winter biking, but if you have to drive, at least don't waste gasoline based on a myth.



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Do You Use Salt In The Winter To Melt Snow And Ice?

Think about this: Just one teaspoon of salt can permanently pollute five gallons of water. Five gallons! Now think about how much snow salt appears on your roads during winter – it’s definitely more than a teaspoon. Over time, water supplies contaminated by road salt stop supporting certain types of aquatic life. This happens when salt comes in contact with the upper layers of a water source. Due to the presence of snow salt, the water becomes more dense and sinks to the bottom, preventing oxygen in the top layers from reaching the bottom layers. This separation of upper and lower layers disrupts aquatic ecosystems. Salt can also:

- Damage plant foliage
- Inhibit plants’ nutrient intake
- Kill certain plants
- Cause salt-resistant species to proliferate, which diminishes plant diversity and further disrupts ecosystems

Even wildlife isn’t immune to the impact of added road salt in the ecosystem. It impacts birds, in particular, as they are likely to ingest the salt granules. The salt can poison the birds and reduce local populations.

But road departments use road salt?

Salt can damage your car and pollute, but there are some positives to using road salt.

Salt’s effectiveness in preventing accidents is undeniable. For every 10% improvement in road surface friction, a 20% reduction in crashes follows, according to a study from the American Highway Users Alliance. The study also found that de-icing with road salt can reduce up to 93% of accidents – in other words, almost all of them.

All that aside, road salt causes damage to bridges, parking garages, railroads, and other public transportation infrastructures. This corrosion damage is estimated to cost the highway and automobile industries \$3.5 to \$7 billion per year in the U.S.

The bottom line is that salt is cost-effective and prevents collisions, injuries, and highway fatalities, which is why many states still use it to melt ice on slippery roads.

Road Salt Alternatives: Alleviating Salt’s Environmental Impact

Given that road salt benefits communities by making it safer to drive in winter, what are state and local authorities doing to combat road salt’s damaging effects on the environment?

One technique growing in popularity is “anti-icing” roads in anticipation of ice’s arrival. Not to be confused with de-icing techniques, which refer to actions taken to melt ice already on the roads, anti-icing involves spraying dry roads with pre-mixed salt solutions. The result is a “non-

stick” layer that helps prevent ice from forming in the first place.

Other states are exploring more unusual alternatives, such as cheese brine, molasses, and solar-powered road systems. While none of these road salt alternatives will completely replace road salt anytime soon, evidence shows they are helping reduce the amount of salt used. For example, Indiana was able to use 228,000 fewer tons of salt in a single winter thanks to anti-icing.

Homeowner alternatives to rock salt for de-icing your walkways

Doctors have been telling us for years that too much salt isn’t good for us. Turns out, it isn’t good for the environment either.

Rock salt is cheap, easy to apply and effective but it’s a real environmental threat, killing trees and vegetation, contaminating waterways and groundwater, injuring our pets, causing increased corrosion to screws and bolts holding our decks together, increased deterioration when tracked onto floors and carpeting, damaging our cars due to corrosion and poisoning wildlife.

What’s worse, once salt gets into an environment, it’s there to stay. It doesn’t evaporate or breakdown—it simply accumulates, compounding the problem.

How de-icers work

Simply put, a melting agent or “de-icer”

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lowers the freezing point of water. De-icers shouldn't be used to completely rid an area of ice or snow—they're meant to break the bond between ice and the pavement, making shoveling easier. But this "easy" clean-up comes at a price. You may see burning in your garden as high salt concentration is a real stressor for your plants. Salts are soluble, and they're mobile. They're going to find their way into surface water and groundwater.

Understanding the options

Walk into any home improvement store during winter and you'll find a dizzying array of salt, de-icers and "natural" alternatives. So how's a consumer to choose? Read labels. Even if it says 'all natural,' what does that really mean? Here's a rundown of some of the more common ingredients you'll find.

- Rock salt, or sodium chloride: The cheapest (\$3.50 for \$10 kg), most readily available option. It's also the most toxic and only works to minus 7 degrees Celsius.

- Potassium chloride, or potash: Only works to minus four degrees Celsius; although it's a common fertilizer, when used as a deicer it can actually damage vegetation (due to higher applications rates).
- Calcium chloride and magnesium chloride: Often billed as greener options, they have a lower freezing point (minus 23 degrees and minus 15 degrees Celsius, respectively) and require less application than rock salt. But "anything with chloride in it should be avoided or used as minimally as possible," says Alfred.
- Urea: A form of nitrogen typically used for fertilizer, but when used as a deicer its application rate is 10 times higher. Compared to alternative products, it's less toxic to vegetation and won't corrode metal (which is why it's often used at airports), but once in waterways, can cause algal blooms that choke the oxygen supply to fish and other organisms. Urea is five times more expensive than road salt and only works to minus five degrees Celsius.

- Calcium magnesium acetate and potassium acetate: They don't corrode cars or bridges, work to minus 7 degrees and minus 26 degrees Celsius respectively, and partially degrade in soil. But these "greenest" options are also 10 to 20 times more expensive than conventional ones.

Use as directed

Try to reduce your usage of salt or alternatives as much as possible. Use only what the manufacturer recommends or use as little as needed to melt the snow or ice on your driveway or sidewalk.

On dry days, sweep up loose salt and deicer to prevent the excess being washed into nearby waterways. And on very cold days, don't bother applying any de-icing product at all — it simply won't work.

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2015 GDRA Pool Staff

By Ashley McKechnie, Pool Manager

What a great summer we have had at the pool! Whether you came for lap swim, swim lessons or open swim, the staff and I want to thank you for spending your summer with us. The memories we see made at the pool everyday makes our jobs

so much more enjoyable and we couldn't do it without you! Every summer we get to reconnect with many familiar faces while also meeting many new ones, each playing a special role in our pool community. As we close this chapter on the pool, we hope you are as excited as we are to start the next one!

The first chapter of the pool started in the early 1970's. The June Shire in 1972 featured the pool as the cover shot. The past 43 years have been full of enjoyable recreation at the clubhouse and the pool. I don't enjoy thinking about what Glen-shire would be like if we had no pool to start with, but I can be thankful to those who put it in for our many members to enjoy. I for one, can't wait to see what our new pool will offer in the future. I can't wait to see everyone next spring!

TRUCKEE POLICE & FIRE

Are You Ready For An Evacuation? How Will Authorities Notify You?

—By Adam McGill, Truckee Police Chief & Bob Bena, Truckee Fire chief

Are you ready?

The Town of Truckee and Truckee Fire Protection District is working hard at better communicating with all those that visit or call the Truckee area home.

In an emergency seconds matter. To that end, the Truckee Police Department and the Truckee Fire District use a communications system known as Nixle. Nixle allows users to sign up free of charge at www.nixle.com and elect to either receive text messages or emails from police and fire.

We use this system to inform subscribers about police and fire related activity in Truckee such as road closures and most importantly will use the system to alert users of an evacuation or other imminent safety information. To disseminate information quickly it is imperative to have as many subscribers as possible. Nixle guarantees your privacy and does not share your email address, wireless number, or any other personal information with the police department nor does Nixle spam you with advertisements or other non-relevant notices. To do so would discourage new users and defeat the purpose of the system.

Nixle is simply a public safety tool to keep the community informed. Please take a moment to explore www.nixle.com and consider signing up for Truckee or other regions of interest. If you're already a Nixle subscriber please encourage your family, friends, and co-workers to sign up as well.

Although, we hope to make Nixle our primary notification tool because of its efficiency and real time benefits, the Town of Truckee and Truckee Fire will continue to use traditional forms of communication as well. In the event of an

emergency in Truckee, such as a wildfire, information will be available from a number of sources. The Police Department and Fire Department will be providing information via Nixle (www.nixle.com), the Town's website (www.townoftruckee.com), Truckee Fire website (www.truckee-fire.org), Twitter (@TruckeePolice) (@TruckeeFire) and the Town's and Truckee Fire's Facebook pages.

The Town will also be working with radio station KTKE 101.5 FM to provide status updates and other important information to the community. The Town also has the ability to use an automated telephone call system to provide emergency notification to all persons with a landline or mobile phone in the impacted area.

You – are the real first responders. You are the first on the scene. Please take the time to prepare yourself and your family. Consider practicing with your family. Most importantly have a family plan. Failing to prepare is preparing to fail.

Evacuation Tips:

- Review the Evacuation Plan Checklist at www.Readyforwildfire.org
- Leave as soon as an evacuation is recommended by public safety officials. Don't wait to be ordered by authorities. This will help you avoid being caught in fire, smoke or road congestion.
- In an intense wildfire, public safety will not have time to knock on every door. If you are advised to leave, don't hesitate.
- Officials will determine the areas to be evacuated and escape routes to use depending upon the fire's location, behavior, winds, terrain, etc.

- Law enforcement agencies are responsible for enforcing an evacuation orders. Follow their directions promptly.
- You will be advised of potential evacuations as early as possible. You must take the initiative to stay informed and aware. Listen to your radio/TV for announcements from law enforcement and emergency personnel. Sign up for Nixle messages at www.nixle.com

For more information on how you can prepare yourself and your family visit www.ready.gov and for wild fires visit the CAL FIRE website <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/>.

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TO STUD OR NOT TO STUD

The CA Vehicle Code [Section 27454 (e)] No Studs Until Nov 1, 2015

Driving in winter can be downright scary. Is your vehicle capable of handling ice, slush, and snow? The best way to be prepared for unpredictable winter roads is to install winter tires (also known as snow tires) on your vehicle.

If you're in the market for winter tires, you have a lot of options to choose from. But how can you know which kind will suit your needs best?

Start with the basics.

There are two main types of winter tires, studded and studless. Studded tires were the must-have snow tires for a long time, but advances in rubber compounds and other winter tire technologies have changed the minds of many drivers.

Studded Tires

Studded snow tires literally have metal studs embedded within the tread. These small, strong pieces of metal are designed to dig into ice, which provides added traction. When the driving surface isn't covered in ice, studded tires can damage the road. They're tough enough to dig into pavement, which is why many states limit their use during non-winter months and some states and counties have outlawed them completely. Be aware that if you drive to the Bay area you may receive a

ticket if you have studded tires on. Studded winter tires are also known to produce a noisy ride.

Although studded tires are capable of handling icy driving situations, improvements in the rubber compounds of modern studless winter tires have made them more capable of handling some of winter's most extreme driving situations.

Studded tires also cause over 40 million dollars in road damage a year in the state of California. This is because of increased road surface wear. As the surface wears a lot of the smaller particles become air born and increases air and water pollution.

Studless Tires

In recent years, studless snow tires have become the preferred snow tire for many winter drivers. Instead of relying on metal protrusions in the tread, modern non-studded winter tires lean on advances in rubber compounding, tread designs, and other unique technologies.

In winter's cold temperatures, a non-winter tire's tread rubber becomes stiffer and less able to conform to even a dry road's irregularities. Modern studless snow tires are capable of maintaining flexibility in freezing temperatures, thanks to advances

in rubber compounding technologies. This increased rubber flexibility allows tires to maintain traction on snowy, icy, wet and dry driving surfaces.

Studless winter tires generally have deeper tread depths than summer or all season tires. Deep tread depths allow the tire to manage snow and slush dispersion from under the tire. It also allows the tire to provide better or snow-on-snow traction by packing it within the tread blocks.

Another feature you'll notice are thousands of tiny slits in the tread pattern, called sipes. These act as thousands of biting edges on ice that help with acceleration, deceleration, and stopping.

The choice between studded vs. studless snow tires ultimately depends on your preference, although breakthroughs in winter tire technology have nearly eliminated the need for studs.






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Please complete the information below:

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Mailing Address: _____

Property Address: _____

Phone: _____ Daytime _____ Evening _____

Consent to Receive Documents and Notices Via Email

Please be informed that: I, the undersigned owner, hereby give consent to GDRA to provide notices regarding emergency and general information, and any association documents allowable by law, via email as an alternative to mail notices.

I certify that I am an owner of the property described below and that all owners of the property at the address listed below have authorized me to provide this written consent and the email address for communications on their behalf, which is:

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Be advised: that you have the right to request that the documents also be transmitted in paper or other non-electronic form if you wish; and (1) The items will be sent to the Owner/Member who is named above; and (2) This consent shall remain in effect until revoked in writing.

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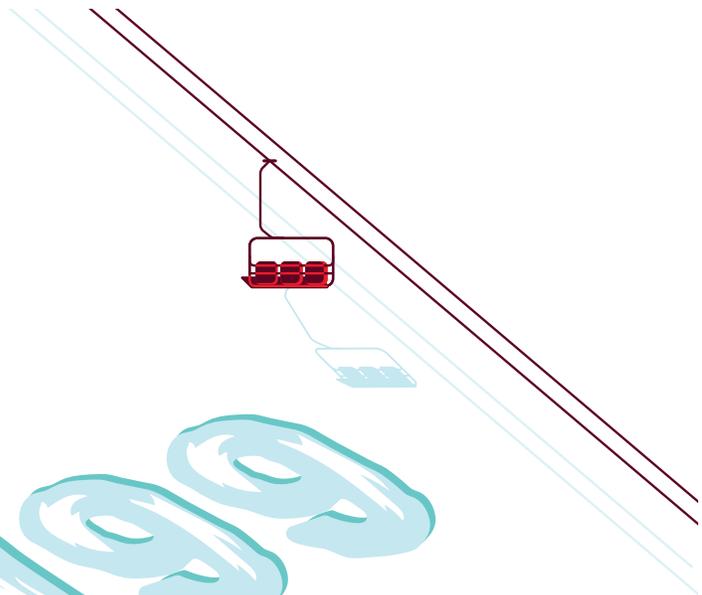
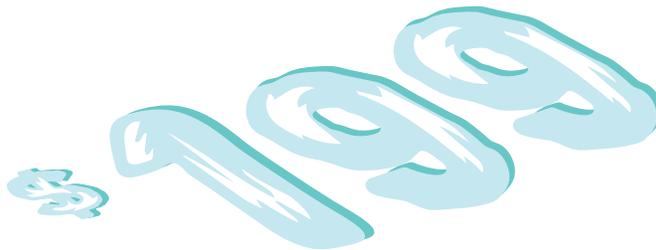
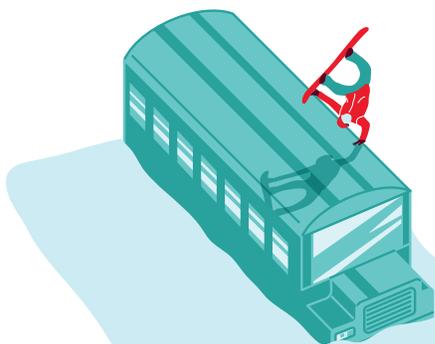
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