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Airbnb in Glenshire

There's a long list of companies that assist owners with their short term or vacation rentals, but Airbnb is the one that is talked about the most.

Long term renting out of a home in Glenshire has been a time honored practice, but the new vacation rental or short term rental practice has been a subject of much discussion and concern as of late. For those who own homes in Glenshire or those who would like to purchase for the sole purpose of short term renting, there are a few things that you should think about first.

CC&R 1.26 "Single Family Residential Use". As it states, the houses in Glenshire are to be used for single family residential use. Short term rentals are not usually considered single family residential use.

CC&R 8.07 Allows for some business activities to occur in the Association that in section (e) includes renting of a property, but any rental or lease of a residence may only be to a single family for single family residential use. This is intended to protect, enhance and maintain the single family residential atmosphere which exists within the properties and to avoid an overburdening of association common areas and common facilities. In no event shall any residence be owned or used on time-share basis. This would also restrict rentals to large groups of non-family members such as we sometimes see with "ski rentals" or seasonal rentals.

CC&R 8.07 (d) further explains that you may not have more visitors (traffic) than would be customary of a single family residence. Often short term rentals can see large groups of people come and go.

If issues, some mentioned above, are reported to the Association, the GDRA Board of Directors has the ability and responsibility to the Association to levy fines they feel are appropriate for the violation. Short term rental violations start as low as \$500 per incident and the board may ask for proof of payment of Truckee TOT taxes (taxes paid to the Town for

Short term rentals), as well as proof of the reporting of income to the State of CA and to the Federal Government for short term rental income.

In conclusion, before you head down the short term rental route, please ask questions and understand that Glenshire's CC&R's do try to protect, enhance and maintain the single family residential atmosphere.

Looking to remove a tree from your property?

Please remember that any trees over 10" in diameter need to be approved by GDRA staff or the Design Review Committee before removal. Most trees can be approved by staff on the day they inspect. There is no fee to have a staff member inspect your property for compliance or tree removal.

Concerned about a tree in poor health creating a fire danger to your property? You can call CAL Fire 530.582.9471 or Truckee Fire 530.582.7850 for an inspection of any trees you feel might have health issues.

Drone Use in GDRA

As drones have increased in popularity and decreased in price the questions arise on what is legal and not legal for personal use. Currently there are four Assembly bills and three Senate bills that address restricting use of drones. Items such as: restrict flying over accident scenes, elementary schools, jails or use by sex offenders. In Glenshire/Devonshire their use is already governed by Rule 3.07 that notes the use of any motorized vehicles on Association property is not permitted. CC&R 8.03 prohibits noxious activities that can include the use of drones.

From time to time GDRA has had members volunteer their time and the use of their drone to take photos of GDRA open space. As a tool for agencies and companies, drones are becoming more and more valuable. Drones have a valuable place in our future, but for now flying them in residential areas is not one of them, so if you have one, please find an appropriate location to enjoy this new activity.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

6pm at the Glenshire Clubhouse
15726 Glenshire Drive

October 12, 2016

November 9, 2016

January 11, 2016

February 8, 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.

NOTE FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER

This edition of the Shire includes some information on the responsibilities that the membership and the board of directors have in Glenshire Devonshire. It is not unusual to be confused by the different roles each person plays to make a community work well and we hope that the information provided in this issue helps out.

Included in this issue is more information on defensible space, and statistics on tree mortality due to bark beetle infestation caused by the drought. In 2015, 28 million trees were dead and dying, 10 times more than in 2014. You can visit <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Bark-Beetles-Dead-Trees/> to learn more about identification, prevention and mitigation.

The Shire comes out 4 times a year and is great for general information but when we need to get information out quickly we rely on e-mail, facebook and our web site. If you feel like HOA information is not getting to you in a timely manner, I encourage you to sign up for the GDRA e-mail distribution list, log onto GDRA's facebook or check our web site. Speaking of timely information, as I write this the Town of Truckee is planning on starting to rebuild some of the roads in Glenshire

and slurry sealing some others. It is great that our community is not forgotten and will have good road surfaces moving into the future. You can go to <http://www.townoftruckee.com/departments/engineering/town-capital-improvement-projects-cips-> to view all the Town of Truckee's Capital Improvement Projects for this year. Glenshire Drive/Dorchester Drive Paving and Widening Project (CIP C1605) Description: Reconstruct and widen Glenshire Drive (Truckee River Legacy Trail to Dorchester Drive) and Dorchester Drive (Glenshire Drive to Waterloo Circle). This project also includes a left-turn lane on Glenshire Drive at Dorchester Drive. The project will also include a pedestrian crossing of Glenshire Drive in the vicinity of the Legacy Trail Trailhead.

Status: Planning and design anticipated to begin in 2016 with a potential construction start date of 2017.

Check with the Town of Truckee for exact dates or keep an eye on Facebook for the latest road updates as we learn them.

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NOTE FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vision + Mission + Guiding Principles

In the last issue we presented the details of focus area number 1, “To Foster a Connected Community”. In this issue the GDRA board of directors would like to present more information on focus area number 2, “Plan for the Future”.



Vision

Support a high quality, connected, healthy life for all residents.

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Guiding Principles

1. Maintain all amenities to at least current standards
2. Improve safety
3. Protect our natural environment
4. Consider new or upgrades to amenities if:
 - a. Financially viable
 - b. Supported by members
 - c. Impacts to nature and community minimal
5. Promote healthy living
6. Improve trails and open space
7. Foster an engaged, connected membership
8. Encourage a diverse community that supports the current quality of life
9. Plan for the future with strong financial resources

2016-2018 Board Focus Areas

1. Foster a connected community
2. Plan for the future - balance amenities and other needs with sound finances
3. Improve how Board serves the Association

Focus Area #2: Plan for the Future

Goal 1: Communicate long-term needs to support all current amenities (10-year Capital Plan)

Goal 2: Create a strong financial plan to enhance and/or improve current amenities

Tactics:

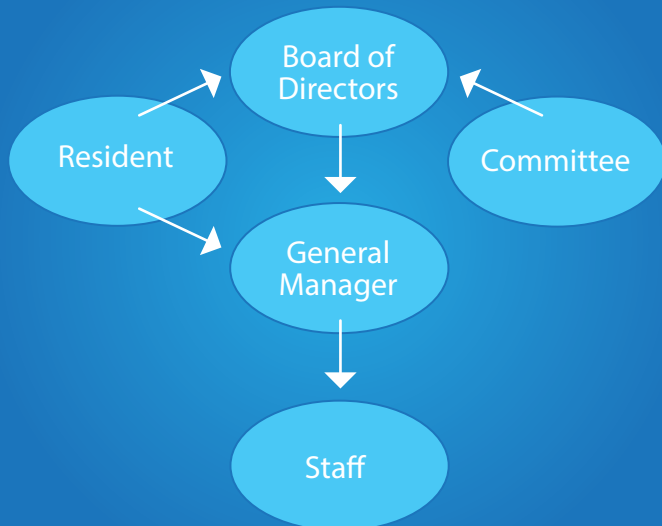
- Conduct Reserve Study
- Create a 10-year Capital Improvement Plan
- Create a plan to deal with default triggers for existing facility improvement loan
- Create plan to cover future expenses

Goal 3: Engage members in short- and long-term decision-making

Tactics:

- Engage members early and often in all major Board decisions
- Survey members to understand priorities

HOA Flow Chart



What's an HOA anyway?

HOA's are an interesting form of a mutually formed and run government. Some people do not realize when they purchase a property in a HOA, there is a subset of rules and amenities that are not governed by a Town, County or State. In California the civil code has a section called the Davis Sterling Act (section 4000) that dictates what powers, or not, HOA's have. What I can tell you is that it is the easiest form of a governing body to be able to make changes and participate in. Residents elect board members and board members, in a very simplified list, adopt policies, add/

remove/change amenities and enforce Bylaws, CC&R's and rules. Participation is key to helping keep an HOA on track. Attending board meetings, participating on a committee, volunteering your time and even running for the board are ways to do this. The board does delegate some duties to the General Manager, but when it comes to the real decisions that affect the HOA, those have to be, by law, made by the Board of Directors. Sometimes property owners forget that the HOA General Manager and staff are directed by the board and are limited in scope with what they can do. Getting to know your board members, reaching out to them, and maybe becoming one, is your best option for making changes in the HOA.

The General Manager and Staff members may be able to explain rules, budget, proposed projects but the bottom line to make changes come from the Board of Directors. The Board will usually seek advice from Residents, committee members and staff. Once engaged the board members do listen and you do have a voice. Do you ever feel like the board is not representing you? Don't give up, there are 5 different board members getting feedback from 1357 residents. Their decision might be based on other members who don't have the same view point as you or by state laws, Bylaws and CC&R's that govern their decisions. Concise, well organized feedback based in fact helps steer the board and your community forward.

As always, the GDRA board is looking forward to seeing more of the community at board meetings in the future.

Sincerely Your Board,

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GDRA BOARD MEMBER JOB DESCRIPTION & DUTIES

To be effective, a homeowners association needs a strong board of directors that understands its role and pursues it with passion and a concise mission in mind. The following outline provides an overview of board roles and responsibilities.

To form an effective board, directors must have a clear understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the association, its history and what is to be accomplished. Every homeowner association should have responsibility for its assets as well as its operation in accordance with standards established by state and federal law, local ordinances, and the governing documents upon

which the entity itself was created. To the extent that the association has such authority and control, it is the board of directors that makes certain these responsibilities are fulfilled.

Understanding the homeowners association concept

The homeowners association is the cornerstone of a planned residential community. It brings continuity and order to the community, it preserves the architectural integrity and it maintains the common elements. Properly run, the association promotes the concept of 'community' and protects the neighborhood's property values. In many cases, it collectively makes available recreational and other facilities that might not otherwise be affordable or available to homeowners and residents on an individual basis.

Deed-initiated homeowners associations have become an essential part of the overall concept of residential property ownership in today's marketplace. Purchase of a home or lot often brings with it mandatory membership in an association which then provides the structure for operation and management of the residential development. With membership comes certain maintenance obligations, financial responsibilities, and a commitment to abide by use restrictions and other rules of the association. To a degree, it necessitates individual conformity for the good of the whole.

To be successful, its officers and directors must uniformly and fairly govern the community, and it must have a reasonable level of participation by each of its members over time.

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Board of Directors

The association has responsibility for its common elements as well as the management and operation of the association's business affairs—all in accordance with standards established by the governing documents created when the community was first developed and to the extent that GDRA has such authority and control as provided by CA Davis Sterling Act, CA Civil Code, it is its board of directors that carries out these duties and responsibilities.

Members of the board of directors of GDRA serve without compensation. The board's authority includes all of the powers and duties enumerated in general law, as long as these powers are not inconsistent with the provisions of the documents governing the association.

The association acts through its officers and agents. The board of directors makes the policies for the association, but the officers and agents carry out these policies and administrative functions for the community. Some of the officers are clerical while others carry out substantive functions based on policies established by the board of directors. All of the officers have an affirmative obligation to act with utmost good faith towards the association and cannot deal in the funds or the property of the association to their own self advantage. GDRA has a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer and may have a director at large.

Fiduciary Relationship and Responsibility

The members of the board of directors and each officer of the

association have a fiduciary relationship with the members of the association. This fiduciary relationship imposes obligations of trust and confidence in favor of the corporation and its members. It requires the members of the board to act in good faith and in the best interests of the members of the association. It means that board members must exercise due care and diligence when acting for the community, and it requires them to act within the scope of their authority.

The fact that the association is a not-for-profit corporation, or that the members of the board are volunteers and unpaid, does not relieve them from the high standards of trust and responsibility that the fiduciary relationship requires. When a member accepts a position on the board of directors, he or she is presumed to have knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of a board member. Board members cannot be excused from improper action on the grounds of ignorance or inexperience and liability of board members for negligence and mismanagement exists in favor of the association and the property owners.

Each board member must recognize the fiduciary relationship and the responsibilities that the board has to the association and each of its members. The board's duties must be performed with the care and responsibility that an ordinary prudent person would exercise under similar circumstances, and the ultimate responsibilities of these unique positions cannot be delegated to a manager, a management company or other third party.

- Enforce the governing documents
- Establish sound fiscal policies and maintain accurate records
- Develop a workable budget, keeping in mind the needs, requirements and expectations of the community
- Establish reserve funds
- Act on budget items and determine assessment rates
- Collect assessments
- Establish, publicize, and enforce rules and penalties to a level agreeable with the membership
- Authorize legal action against owners who do not comply with the rules
- Review local laws before passing rules or sending bylaws to membership for approval
- Appoint committees and delegate authority to them
- Select an attorney, an auditor, insurance agent and other professionals for the association
- Provide adequate insurance coverage, as required by the bylaws and local governmental agencies
- Inform board members of all business items that require their vote
- Inform members of important board decisions and transactions
- See that the association is protected for the acts of all parties with fiscal responsibilities
- Attend and participate at meetings
- Repair, replace or maintain the common area 4775(a)

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Payment Options

Did you know that you can select your own payment due date and/or spread out your estimated annual utility costs into equal monthly payments? These two options can be of great help with your monthly budget. You can also have your payment deducted automatically from your debit account, or pay your bill online with a credit card. Find out more by visiting the My Account option on our website. If you haven't registered yet for online access to your account, please do so today—and look for continuous improvements to this feature.

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While our two office locations in South Lake Tahoe and Tahoe Vista are open M-F from 9 am to 5 pm, our customer service representatives are here to help you during the work week from 8 am to 5 pm via phone; just call 1-800-782-2506.

Energy Efficiency Measures

Finally, one of the easiest things you can do to save both energy and money is to make changes in your home or business. Just go to the "Smart Energy Use" tab on our website to view no-cost ways you can reduce your energy consumption by 10-25%, and low-cost, easy measures to save even more. Liberty offers FREE energy audits for both residential and commercial customers, and other programs such as refrigerator recycling and lighting rebates to name a few. If you visited our booth at the recent Glenshire Block Party, hopefully you learned about some of these programs!

Travis Johnson has worked nearly 25 years in the utility business, and joined Liberty Utilities-CA in 2014 to develop new energy technology. He was promoted to VP of Operations in late 2015.



Travis Johnson
Liberty Utilities VP of Operations



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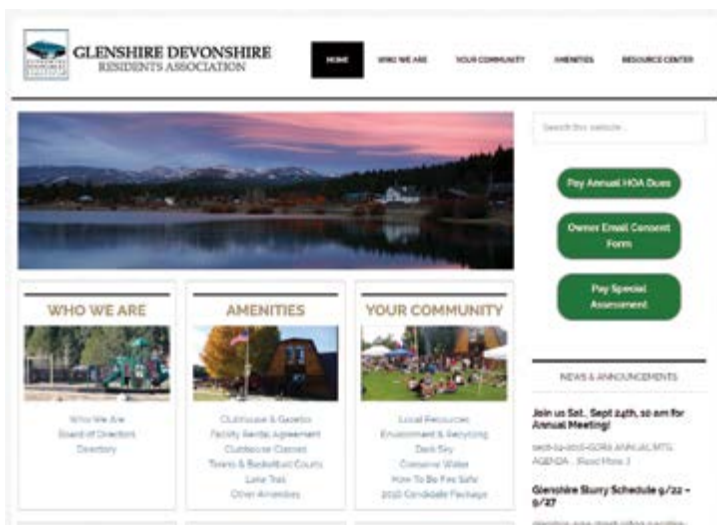
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Please note that unless you request it or it is required by law, your e-mail address will not be given out to anyone and will only be used by GDRA to provide information pertaining to events and business related to the Glenshire Devonshire Community. You may be taken off this confidential list by request.



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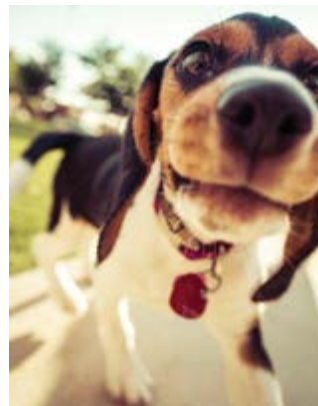


Glenshire Lake

Recreational activities in or on the lake, such as swimming, ice-skating or other similar activities, are not endorsed or recommended by the Association. The Association assumes no responsibility for any such use. Please enjoy the beauty, don't litter, control and pick up after your pets.

Clubhouse Dumpster

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. If we have room, we don't mind helping, but please ask! Wednesdays are preferred.



Advanced Dog Training Classes

These advanced classes are designed for people who have participated in a reward-based puppy or basic dog training class program and are ready to 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. Continuing the training and socialization of the dog will help to transform them into the kind of companion all of us love to have around!

Instructor, Jeanie Collins Duffield is a Certified Dog Trainer and Canine Behavior Consultant; she began her company, BEYOND OBEDIENCE, a puppy and dog behavior consulting and training business, in 1980. Jeanie can be reached at 530.400.DOGS (3647), Jeanie@beyondobedience.com or www.beyondobedience.com.

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Novice / Beginner Line Dance Class

Anyone over 12 years of age interested in learning to line dance. This class is geared for those who are new to line dancing and or to dancing in general. No special shoes or clothing needed.

When: Most Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30pm

Where: Glenshire Clubhouse

How Much: \$5.00 per person

Questions: Contact Robin Reese at rbtahoe@sbcglobal.net

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.

SOS Glenshire

Interested in preserving quality of life around your community? SOSG (Saving Open Space Glenshire) is a local group partnered with Mountain Area Preservation, putting efforts toward preserving open space and the quality of life that we and the wildlife now enjoy. A proposed 185+ parcel development east of Glenshire is in the review process - NOW is the time to get involved! www.sosglenshire.org.

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Tree Mortality—Drought and Bark Beetles
What Property Owners Need to Know—FAQs



Bark beetles and drought are creating havoc in California's forested areas. Together, they are a deadly combination. Millions of trees have died and the devastation continues.

Knowing that healthy trees best withstand drought and resist bark beetle attack, property owners can take steps to optimize tree health and reduce wildfire risk. Stay informed and learn about resources available in your community regarding tree mortality and what you can do to protect your home, trees and property. Act now.

LOOKING FOR BARK BEETLES

Blobs of reddish-brown pitch on the outside of a tree trunk are often a sign that bark beetles successfully attacked. The outside of the tree may also have flaking bark, or holes caused by woodpeckers—both of these are good indicators that bark beetles may be present.

Needles on dying conifer trees begin to turn a reddish-brown and often start changing color at the top of the tree. The color change gradually moves down the tree. Other trees may slowly fade from green to brown.

Bark beetles are small hard-shelled insects, generally black or dark brown, about the size of a piece of cooked rice. In a successful attack, bark beetles tunnel under bark, cutting off the supply of food and water the tree needs to survive. They can kill a tree in as little as two to four weeks.



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TREE MORTALITY AND BARK BEETLE FAQs



What is tree mortality?

Tree mortality means trees have died—a normal occurrence in natural ecosystems. The difference now is that the extended drought has caused an abnormally high number of trees in California's forests and wildland-urban interface areas to weaken and/or die. Weakened trees are more susceptible to bark beetle attack. Once a tree is successfully invaded by bark beetles, there is no recovery for the tree; it will die.

How significant is California's tree mortality from bark beetles and drought?

According to the U.S. Forest Service, tree mortality from bark beetles and drought has reached over an estimated 29 million trees in 2015, up from 3.3 million trees in 2014. Most tree mortality in California has occurred in the southern Sierra Nevada and the Central Coast. Researchers at the Carnegie Institution for Science have learned that approximately 58 million additional large trees are suffering from severe canopy water losses.



If there are dead trees around my house, what should I do?

Dead trees need to be removed. They are fuel for wildfire. Standing dead trees will rot, becoming unstable, and will eventually fall. Dead trees can fall on people, homes, buildings and infrastructure, such as power lines. The sooner a tree is removed the better.

How do I know if a tree is dead from bark beetles?

Early signs may be difficult to interpret, but if there are signs that bark beetles have successfully attacked a tree (see "Looking for Bark Beetles" on front), the tree is dead or will die soon. It often takes months for outward signs of mortality to show.

Whose responsibility is it to remove a dead tree?

On private property, it is the responsibility of the property owner to remove dead and dying trees. It is recommended that landowners consult with a licensed professional forester or arborist if they are unfamiliar with tree harvesting practices.

I can't afford to remove my trees, what should I do?

Investigate local assistance opportunities. Most likely there are others in the community with a similar situation. There may be local efforts to help those needing assistance. Talk to your local Fire Safe Council or your local fire department. The state's Tree Mortality Task Force is looking for opportunities to host "resource fairs" in affected communities where local groups and individuals will be able to meet with multiple agencies to talk about available funding. Information on these resource fairs will be posted on PrepareForBarkBeetle.org.

What environmental requirements are there for removing dead trees on my property?

An emergency regulation by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in 2015 allows for an exemption to cut dead and dying trees of any size without the normal regulatory requirement such as submitting a timber harvest plan or follow-up completion and stocking report inspections. For more information visit: ReadyForWildfire.org/DeadTreeRemoval.

What do I do with my dead trees now that I've cut them down?

You can leave dead trees on your property only if they are outside of the legally required 100 feet of Defensible Space or you can have them removed. If you are leaving the trees on your property, they need to be properly handled. If you plan on using the wood for firewood, cut it into the appropriate firewood length, cover with clear plastic and leave for at least six months to kill the beetles. If possible, remove freshly cut wood. Otherwise, cover, lop or chip infested wood—and do not place near healthy trees unless fully dry. For more specific direction visit: PrepareforBarkBeetle.org.

Can dead trees be burned?

Yes, on permitted burn days. Check with your local fire station, CAL FIRE office, or air quality district for details on burn days and proper burning requirements.

Do I need to hire a licensed tree service or can I cut down dead trees on my property?

It is highly recommended that you hire a professional to cut down your trees, as tree removal can be dangerous. Falling trees can also be hazardous to people, nearby trees and infrastructure, such as roads, cars and power lines.

How do I prevent bark beetles in the future?

The most effective way to prevent bark beetles is by following best forest health practices. In order to do this, you need to plan for extreme weather years. Plant those species that are adapted to the area you live in and maintain a diverse forest of trees. When planting, ensure that trees are widely spaced, and that the number of trees growing on your land is appropriate for the acreage in order to reduce competition for limited water, light and soil nutrients. There are some professional herbicide treatments that may help trees fight off bark beetles, but they have not always been proven to work.





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PERSPECTIVES



A Blight We Don't Want —By Jamie Brimer, Glenshire Resident

Graffiti is a world-wide problem, not just a problem for the United States or California or Truckee. Yes, even Truckee. I first painted over graffiti on a concrete barrier wall on Mt. Rose Highway in 1980. It wasn't gang related, but it looked terrible nonetheless. The first time I painted over graffiti in Truckee, it was on the side of the utility building on West River Street.

Not only is graffiti ugly to look at, I've always felt it's the 'ground 0' of gang and wanna-be gang problems. I also believe that if it's allowed to remain then the message sent is: "We love graffiti and

gang problems! Please give us more!" But if it's removed right away, it sends the message, "We don't want you or your blight in Truckee." We may not have gang problems in our town, but we most definitely have gang-wanna-be problems; and the proof is the amount of graffiti we have. It's interesting how some people consider graffiti to be 'art'—it's not. The difference is simple. If a person has permission to paint on a wall, train trestle, building, utility box, then it's 'art'. If they don't have permission, then it's simply graffiti. A good ol' fashion blight.

The next time you're driving around, look closer at freeway underpasses, the Glenshire bypass, walls, pillars and such. You'll probably see a blotch of paint covering up what was once graffiti. I'm writing this article to encourage you to be proactive. If you see graffiti, call the Glenshire Association or Town of Truckee as someone will come and remove it right away. If you love Truckee as much as I do, then we must work together to keep it clean and safe.

Cities have plenty of graffiti, so when their residents visit here, I don't want them seeing any. I don't want them thinking, "Truckee is just like any big city with graffiti and gang problems." We can keep Truckee different.

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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 25th to be put on the distribution list.

To see a time lapse of 2015 Halloween on Evensham check it out by searching "You Tube" for "An Evensham Halloween".
www.youtube.com/watch?v=GccGpV4mEWO

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



BUNDLE UP & GET MOVING

In the thick of winter, the common wisdom is that when you are gearing up to take your vehicle out in the cold and snow, you should step outside, start up your engine, and let it idle to warm up. But contrary to popular belief, this does not prolong the life of your engine in fact, it decreases it by stripping oil away from the engine's cylinders and pistons.

In a nutshell, an internal combustion engine works by using pistons to compress a mixture of air and vaporized fuel within a cylinder. The compressed mixture is then ignited to create a combustion event — a little controlled explosion that powers the engine.

When your engine is cold, the gasoline is less likely to evaporate and create the correct ratio of air and vaporized fuel for combustion. Engines with electronic fuel injection have sensors that compensate

for the cold by pumping more gasoline into the mixture. The engine continues to run rich in this way until it heats up to about 40 degrees Fahrenheit. "That's a problem because you're actually putting extra fuel into the combustion chamber to make it burn and some of it can get onto the cylinder walls," Stephen Ciatti, a mechanical engineer who specializes in combustion engines at the Argonne National Laboratory, told Business Insider. "Gasoline is an outstanding solvent and it can actually wash oil off the walls if you run it in those cold idle conditions for an extended period of time."

The life of components like piston rings and cylinder liners can be significantly reduced by gasoline washing away the lubricating oil, not to mention the extra fuel that is used while the engine runs rich. Driving your car is the fastest way to warm the engine up to 40 degrees so it switches back to a normal fuel to air ratio. Even though warm air generated by the radiator will flow into the cabin after a few minutes, idling does surprisingly little to

warm the actual engine. The best thing to do is start the car, take a minute to knock the ice off your windows, and get going.

Of course, hopping into your car and gunning it straightaway will put unnecessary strain on your engine. It takes 5 to 15 minutes for your engine to warm up, so take it nice and easy for the first part of your drive.

Warming up your car before driving is a leftover practice from a time when carbureted engines dominated the roads. Carburetors mix gasoline and air to make vaporized fuel to run an engine, but they don't have sensors that tweak the amount of gasoline when it's cold out. As a result, you have to let older cars warm up before driving or they will stall out. But it's been about 30 years since carbureted engines were common in cars.

So unless you're rolling in a 1970s Chevelle — which we assume isn't your daily driver — bundle up, get into that cold car, and get it moving.



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