

# THE Shire

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Glenshire/Devonshire Residents Association Magazine



## FEATURE ARTICLE | By Dan Warren, General Manager

Summer is here and, with it, all the fun activities we enjoy living in our Mountain Playground. Here are things to remember while enjoying playing and working in our community.

Slow Down! Speeding on our residential streets is a number one complaint. A recent traffic survey showed 85% of the vehicles in our neighborhood drive five miles-per-hour or more over the speed limit. You will only gain a few seconds by speeding through a residential area and you are putting at risk, people, pets, wildlife and quality of life. The Town of Truckee is surveying Glenshire Drive and Dorchester Drive for placement of electronic speed signs to inform drivers of the speed limit. Regardless, only you, as the driver, can slow down and keep our roads safe. Spread the word! Stop by the GDRA offices and pick up a "No Need To Speed In Glenshire" bumper sticker

and learn more about how to keep speeds safe in Glenshire.

Spend time with your pet. With the nice weather, many residents have their windows open to enjoy our mountain air. As a result, a lot more noise makes it into our houses that we don't notice when the windows are closed. Barking dogs are the most common offender. Dogs take time and care and often require a lot of attention. Owners who leave their pets while recreating or working often don't realize that their pet may be barking all day long. It is unfair to your pet and disrespectful to your neighbors.

Keep up on defensible space. It is a seasonal complaint — and probably one of the most important — defensible space. I can't emphasize how important this issue is. Colorado has had two years of devastating fires in areas similar to our community. Looking at history, one has to think it is just a matter of time before life

and property is lost to such an event. The amount of loss depends on residents and property owners in the community. Defensible space is the number one way to reduce the chance property or life loss to fire. Cut weeds early and keep them down to no more than two inches. Get the pine needles off of your roof and check monthly to see if it needs to be done again. Remove flammable brush and weeds within 30 feet of your house. Use Truckee Fire Department's defensible space check off sheet for lots with and without houses. (See page 8) Yes, just because there is not a structure on a lot it doesn't mean that there might be some defensible space issues. As evidenced by some of the Colorado fires, wood fences often lead to the loss of a structure. If building a fence in the future, consider a non-flammable metal type over a solid wood picket type. It may save your home and property.

Enjoy the rest of summer!

## Election Time In Glenshire

This is the second year in a row no applications have been submitted for the open seats on the Glenshire Board of Directors. I talked with several interested community members throughout the year but, for some reason or other, they have opted not to seek election to the Board. What does that mean? No election this year?

We are left with two options. One, under Article 5 section 5(ii), the 340 or more Glenshire members in good standing can nominate and elect new board members to the three open seats. Two, under Article 7 section 6(e), the current board members can appoint new members.

If you are interested in joining the Board, please drop by a resume and statement describing what you propose to do to make Glenshire a better community. As we move forward, please, thank those who have and do serve on the Board. It takes time and effort, ultimately benefitting all that live in the community.



## Yellow Books Are Coming!

This is the time of year that Yellowbook phone books get delivered to all residents. If you don't want one delivered to your driveway, for instance if you have a second home and it sits in your driveway for months (until it is a huge mess), or if you get your phone numbers in a different manner please visit [www.yellowpagesoptout.com](http://www.yellowpagesoptout.com). Yellow books are 100% recyclable and you can learn more about recycling the books by visiting [www.recycleyellowbook.com](http://www.recycleyellowbook.com).



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Joe Ketron



Andrew Miller

## Glenshire Pond Trail Improvements Scheduled For This Fall — Eagle Scouts Take The Lead

Two ambitious Eagle Scouts have taken on the work of two improvements to the Lake Trail this fall. Joe Ketron is constructing a low-angle, six-foot

wide ramp on the backside of the dam to tie into the eventual boardwalk over the spillway. Andrew Miller is placing benches around the Lake for your resting pleasure. Look further in this issue for information on how you can sponsor a bench. Funds raised will help one of our scouts succeed in these projects.

The Association plans to rebuild two areas of trail with turnpike type construction to keep dry those prone to get muddy. We can use help with this project. Please contact the Association offices for more information on how to help the scouts or help with trail improvements.

*Relax, Reflect, Remember*

Interested in donating  
a bench for the  
Glenshire Pond?



Benches are an Eagle Scout project

Contact Andrew Miller 582-4541 to  
help complete my Eagle Scout project



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### BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING SCHEDULE

6:30pm at the Glenshire Clubhouse  
15726 Glenshire Drive

August 14, 2013

September 28, 2013  
(Saturday, 10am)

October 2, 2013

November 13, 2013

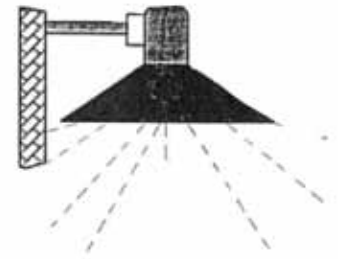
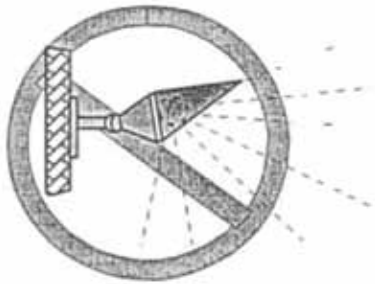
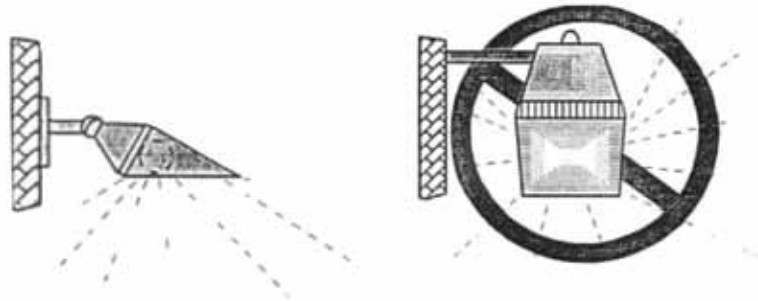
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### DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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.

# IDA Practical Guide



## Respecting Our Night Sky Neighbors

Dark Sky lighting is a term most people have heard by now. Most of us avoid a spotlight directed into our eyes. Please check exterior lights... are they acting like spotlights? Some residents believe spotlights provide security. Studies show that bright lights do not increase safety. Ironically, too much light can threaten security by compromising vision with glare and casting harsh shadows where criminals can hide.

### So what can you do?

- Install lighting only when and where it is needed and always direct toward the ground.
- Use fully shielded fixtures at home and encourage their use in the workplace.
- Use energy saving features such as timers, dimmers, and motion sensors on all outdoor lighting.

- Educate your friends and neighbors about the economic, environmental and security benefits of good outdoor lighting.
- Stop by the Glenshire Clubhouse to see examples of proper exterior lights that meet our CC&R's.
- Join the International Dark Sky Association or visit their web site at [www.darksky.org](http://www.darksky.org).



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is a proud member of the IDA*





## Q: Where Am I Allowed To Place My Mailbox / Bear Box?

**A:** Mailboxes are allowed in the Town Right of Way when they are placed in moveable decorative containers filled with concrete or sand. Construction buckets and landscape shipping buckets are not allowed by Glenshire Rule 3.13. The Town assumes no liability whatsoever for mailboxes temporarily located in the right of way and damaged by snow removal operations.

Bear boxes, bear-proof garbage containers, must be placed out of the Town right of way and on private property. The Town requires the box outside the right of way. Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal Company (TTSD) has maximum distances for off of the street placement. Glenshire Rule 2.02 requires that trash enclosures be of those approved by TTSD. Call TTSD at 530.583.0148 for setback and approved enclosures.

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## Stay Informed

Keep up on what is happening in Glenshire and Devonshire! Send us your email address and we will send information and board agendas that affect our community. Find out before rather than after it happens. Email us at [glenshire1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glenshire1@sbcglobal.net) and ask to be put on the news and information list.

Please note that unless you request it is required by law, no email addresses will be given out. They 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 the confidential list by request.

## GlenshireDevonshire.com

Visit us online at [glenshiredevonshire.com](http://glenshiredevonshire.com). The website is loaded with information; CC&R's, Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Regulations, Clubhouse Rental Information, The Shire, Pool Schedule, Board Meeting Minutes, and more. All may be downloaded. As always, feed back, whether critical or complimentary, is important to us. Can't find what you're looking for? E-mail us at [glenshire1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glenshire1@sbcglobal.net).

## Do You Have Old Electronics?

Free drop off of electronics at the Dump on all days the dump is open.



## Emergencies, Crime, Important Information!!!

Nixle is a communication tool utilized by the Truckee Police Department and Truckee and Northstar Fire Departments to provide important communications to the community through email and text messages. Signing up is fast, easy and free. For more information visit the Police Department or go directly to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and sign up today.

## 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. Please ask!



## New Paint? Replacing Your Old Roof? New Siding?

CC&R 5.01 (a)(b)(c) allows the Design Committee or the General Manager to make a summary approval of any alteration of buildings, walls, decks, fences, and exterior structure alterations. No money, no application, just no bright purple houses with polished aluminum roofs please. Please stop by the office and show us the changes to prevent compliance issues down the road.

## Play Date Preschool And School Age Program

Play Date Preschool and School Age offers our community before and after-school childcare at the Clubhouse. It's for children from Kindergarten to fifth grade, 7- 8:45am and 1:30 - 5:30pm. In addition to daily care an ACTIVE and FUN Summer Recreational Program begins in June. Summer program includes swimming at the Clubhouse pool on M, W, and F and off-site field trips T, TH. Please call 530.582.0441 to reach Darlene Wilson, Owner/Director.

## Church Service

Faith Baptist Church meets every Sunday. Service is at 10am. For more information call Pastor Wood at 775.750.8856.







## Dog Training Classes

### 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 take their dog or puppy to the next level of training. The emphasis of this class will be on strengthening your dog's focus on you when around distractions, as well as teaching them to respond at a distance. Continuing training and socialization of your dog will help to transform them into the kind of companion we 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.

## FREE Contractor Directory Now Available

The 2013 Contractor Directory is now available by calling the Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe (CATT) www.ca-tt.com 530.550.9999 or emailing a request to: info@ca-tt.com. There is no charge to receive a copy. The Directory is published by CATT and includes more than 200 names of local builders, associated professionals, suppliers, and others involved with the construction industry in the Truckee/North Tahoe region. Pick up a copy at the Association Office.

## Lake Trail Fund Raising Campaign

We are about \$16,000 in funding away from completing the last section! 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. Stop by the clubhouse and view the color rendition of the lake and trail with boardwalk, bridge, signage and landscaping. Better yet, take a quick stroll along the sections that have been completed.



## SOS Glenshire

Interested in preserving open space in your community? SOS (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 now enjoy. The currently proposed 284-acre Canyon Springs development is at the forefront. With the plan headed toward the approval process, now is the time to get involved. SOSG is interviewing for new board members July-September 2013. For information, contact www.sosglenshire.org

## Other Info...

Remember that Thursday is garbage day. Please keep your garbage cans secured and your dogs confined. It's a good idea to put your garbage out in the morning, not the night before. Remember that CC&R 6.07 states garbage containers need to be stored in an area not visible by others. Let's try to keep the garbage off of our streets and out of the open space. It's a busy bear season!



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## RESIDENTIAL INSPECTION FORM

*The key to improving the odds of your house surviving a wildfire  
is the defensibility of the house itself.*



### CHECKLIST

SEE RIGHT PAGE FOR EXPLANATION ON EACH CHECKLIST ITEM

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 All combustible materials removed from beneath decks, stairways, and overhangs? | YES NO<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 All leaves and pine needles removed from roof and gutter?                               | YES NO<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 All dry, flammable vegetation within 100 feet of structure removed?             | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>           | 8 Weeds and dead grasses cut six inches or shorter?                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| 3 All branches, bark chunks, and scrap lumber removed?                            | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>           | 9 Firewood, lumber, and large woody materials removed to a safe distance from structures? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| 4 All green trees limbed six feet from the ground?                                | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>           | 10 Is your address clearly visible to emergency response personnel?                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| 5 All limbs within 10 feet of chimney removed? Spark arrester in place?           | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>           | 11 All dry, flammable vegetation within ten feet of propane tank removed?                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| 6 All dead trees removed?   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>           | 12 Excessively dense tree cover removed?  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>           |

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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On \_\_\_\_\_ the local fire agency conducted a defensible space fire safety inspection of your property. The purpose of the inspection was to help your home survive in the event of a wildland fire, and help your property comply with state and local fire safety ordinances. If your property was found to be "not in compliance" your property may be re-inspected within 30 days. If you have any questions about the results of this inspection, or need further information on actions you should take, please call your local fire district or department.


## CHECKLIST EXPLANATIONS

1. **Houses are often destroyed by flames that ignite combustible materials under or adjacent to decks and stairways.** Overhangs, because of their angle, can catch and trap hot embers and fire brands. To avoid this threat, you should not store combustible materials under decks and stairs. Keep areas under and adjacent to decks and stairways free of pine needles, leaves, or other debris. A thin layer of gravel, rock, or aggregate should be applied under decks and stairways.
2. Fire spreads from the wildland to homes and other buildings by traveling along the fuel bed (plants, trees, brush) until it is close enough to ignite the structure.  
  
**Regulations require the removal of all dead and dry flammable vegetation within 100 feet of any structure** depending on the slope of surrounding terrain additional clearance may be required. If you decide to allow some flammable brush to remain such as manzanita, scrub oak, white thorn, etc., then it must be thinned. A good rule of thumb is a space between shrubs 2 times the height of the shrub. For example, if you have a shrub 3 feet high, then the space before the next shrub should be 6 feet across, as it generates too much heat.  
  
 The above does not apply to short, green, well-maintained groundcovers, which do not need to be thinned. Also, do not rake to bare dirt, unless within five feet of a structure. (See #3)  
  
 Regarding clearance distances, if your lot is flat, then a distance 100 feet from the structure may be sufficient. If your lot is on a steep slope, the distance may need to be increased below, or on the downhill side. If the property line is closer than the required distance, you must only clear to the property line.
3. Please **remove ALL combustible debris including branches, bark chunks, and scrap lumber, from your yard** within 100 feet of your structure. This will help reduce the chance of fire spreading from the wildland to your buildings. When removing debris, rake to bare dirt within 5 feet of structures and apply a thin layer of gravel, rock, or aggregate. Beyond 5 feet, DO NOT rake to bare dirt. A thin layer of pine needles, small twigs, or wood chips is needed to prevent erosion.
4. **Limbs should be removed from green trees** to a height of at least 6 feet from the ground. If the tree is small, no more than one-third of the live green limbs should be removed from any tree. Taking more than this amount can weaken the tree and make it susceptible to bark beetle attack.
5. Please **remove all tree limbs, whether live or dead, within 10 feet of any chimney.** In California, a spark arresting screen with no greater than ½ inch mesh is required on all chimneys. This helps to prevent sparks, embers or flames from a chimney fire spreading to the wildland.
6. **Dead trees** are hazardous because they will fall, in time, and could damage property, or injure or kill a person. In addition, the dry wood of a dead tree is a tremendous fire hazard. Some homeowner associations require tree removal permits. It is suggested that you check with your local homeowner association before removing trees larger than 6" in diameter.
7. Airborne fire brands account for the majority of homes burned by wildfire. **The part of a house most vulnerable to fire brands is the roof.** You can help minimize this problem by keeping the roof and rain gutters free of debris. Routinely remove pine needles, leaves, and litter from these locations.
8. Please **ensure that all dry weeds and grasses are cut to a height of no more than 6 inches** within 100 feet of your structure. Fire travels extremely fast in tall grass or weeds. Cutting them to 6 inches or less helps to reduce that threat. Mowing or weed eating should be done early in the mornings before 10:00AM to reduce the risk of causing a wildfire.
9. **Firewood, lumber, or other large woody material should not be stacked within 30 feet** of any structure on your property. They can act as a fuel source to spread fire to the structure. In addition, green firewood should be covered with 6 millimeter CLEAR plastic sheeting to prevent breeding of bark beetles. Lumber and other large woody material can be covered with any material that is durable enough to withstand sun and wind and would prevent embers and burning brands from becoming lodged in the wood, igniting the pile.
10. **The proper address to your property should be displayed so that the numbers can be easily read from the street, both day and night.** This assists firefighters in locating your property during all types of emergencies including medical aid calls. Houses that do not have correct addresses posted are in violation of county codes.
11. Please **remove all dry, flammable vegetation within 10 feet of any propane tank.** In the event of a fire, this will help reduce the amount of heat that the tank is exposed to by preventing fire from traveling through a fuel bed right up to the tank.
12. Excessive tree cover is not only hazardous to your home, but also to the health of the trees. **If excessively dense tree cover removed is checked "NO",** you should call CALFIRE to schedule an appointment with their forester (530) 587-8926. The forester will either refer you to a local homeowner association forester or inspect your trees and make recommendations for tree removal. Some homeowner associations require tree removal permits. It is suggested that you check with your local homeowner association before removing trees larger than 6" in diameter.

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To ensure a safe response to a large-scale emergency, the Nevada County Office of Emergency Preparedness published a Truckee Area evacuation guide. This guide provides valuable information for what to do before, during and after a major community emergency. Residents, visitors, Property Managers and those staying in Truckee or the surrounding area are encouraged to review the emergency response guide carefully. Being prepared could save your life.


Pick up your guide in hard copy at the Town of Truckee Office located at 10183 Truckee Airport Road or from Truckee Fire. An online version is also available for download at [www.TownofTruckee.com](http://www.TownofTruckee.com) under the Emergency Services Department tab or through the Nevada County Office of Emergency Preparedness.

In addition to reviewing the emergency preparedness and evacuation guide with your entire family, you are also encouraged to sign up for Nixle. Nixle is a communication tool utilized by the Truckee Police Department and Truckee and Northstar Fire Departments to provide important communications to the community through email and text messages. Signing up is fast, easy and free. For more information visit the Police Department webpages at [www.TownofTruckee.com](http://www.TownofTruckee.com) or go directly to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and sign up today.

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## Glenshire Sewer Easements

There are a few things to know before beginning any construction project (fence, shed, landscaping) near your property line. The Truckee Sanitary District (TSD) is the public agency responsible for the collection and conveyance of wastewater in the greater Truckee area, including the Glenshire/Devonshire subdivision. Glenshire originally was developed with individual septic tanks and leach fields, then connected to the public sewer in 1986.

The Glenshire sewer collection system includes approximately 30 miles of pipe that ultimately discharge at the Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency Water Reclamation Plant. While most of the sewer mains in Glenshire are located under streets, there are many sewer pipelines that were installed along the back and side of residential parcels. These pipelines are located within Sanitary Sewer Easements granted from the property owners at the time of construction. These easements are permanent and are conveyed with the property when sold and grant TSD the right to access properties for the maintenance, repair, and/or replacements of the sewer system.

One of TSD's primary goals is preventing blockages in the sewer system that could result in sewer spills or backups into homes. To accomplish this, TSD crews routinely access the sewer system to inspect and clean the pipelines, including those pipes located in back and side lot easements. The district asks that homeowners be aware that fences, sheds, and other landscaping over and across sewer easements limit TSD's ability to access the sewer system. If access issues are encountered, TSD crews may need to remove said obstacles at the property owner's expense.

So, before you begin that big project, contact the District at 530.587.3804 to find out if your property has a sewer main and easement on it. It will be easier for you and the district in the long run.

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\* Toilet exchange for TDPUD water customers. Find out if you qualify by calling **530.582.3931** or visit **tdpud.org**. Tahoe Donner's Waterpalooza is open to public.

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In Your Garden: Save Water & Money!**

**Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

- Truckee Donner PUD 11570 Donner Pass Rd
- Talk with experts regarding **plant selection, irrigation, and landscape design.**



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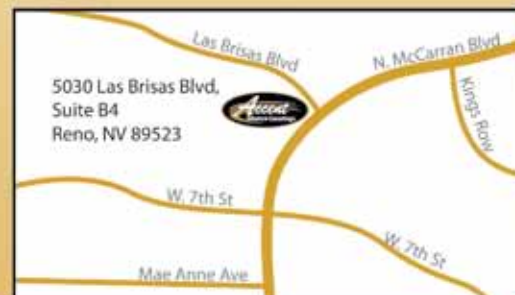
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