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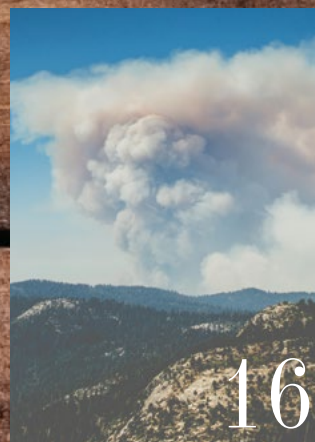
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### Plans for 2019

Your Board is looking forward to the coming year and we have been working hard on a variety of different projects that will have big impacts on our community. We hope members will attend the upcoming meetings to be informed and have input. The Board is interested in what you have to say.

First, we are a Firewise designated community. Please see the in depth article in this edition of The Shire. Glenshire/Devonshire is located in a wildfire environment and this program is designed to put procedures and a plan in place to be as safe from wildfires as possible. We are very proud that we received this designation as it will open our community to many advantages that will keep us more fire safe.

We are also working on getting the dam at the west end of the lake certified by the state. This was mandated 50 years ago, but then the state put a hold on applications until 2018, when we were told we had to have the certification ASAP. We have had to hire a company to do the certification and they are working hard to get it done. The deadline for the application for certification is the end of March, 2019. Without an approved certification, the state would make GDRA remove the dam, returning the pond to an unimpeded stream. Because the pond and trail are used and enjoyed by many members and visitors year around, it is of high importance that we get this certification.

Another project the Board is working on is reformulating the employee handbook which outlines employee benefits and personnel policies and procedures. Although the GDRA's working ambience is relaxed and casual, we operate at the highest level of professionalism. The Board is also reformulating the specific job descriptions for every job category based on the guiding principles of the Board. We are hoping this work will be done soon and we can advertise for the GM position in March 2019.

Our employees have been working extra hard to maintain the GDRA standard of work ethic and care for our members. Lori has been doing her job and covering the duties of the GM. This has required many extra hours/days of work. Kelli has picked up extra duties, mostly helping with inspections. Delaney has increased her hours to help with a variety of duties. Both Lori and Kelli have been revising the letters that go out to members for a variety of circumstances, so they will be friendlier while still expressing what has to be communicated. We cannot thank our employees enough for their extra work and attention to detail.

Please come to the GDRA meetings and give your input.

Sincerely,  
Pam Stock, GDRA Board President



# SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MAY 25  
Planned Pool Opening

SATURDAY JUNE 1  
Truckee Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 03  
Firewise Workshop

SAT & SUN, JUNE 8 & 9  
Glenshire Yard Sale Weekend

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 02  
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

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April 10	Sept 02
May 08	Annual Meeting & Membership Appreciation
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April 10, 2019  
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June 12, 2019

## 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.



## ASSOCIATION UPDATES

“Passes are available to GDRA property owners and their immediate family or related persons.”

### 2019 GDRA Facility Membership Policy

#### Facility Membership Information

Members 3 years and older must obtain a facility membership so the facility staff can verify each visit. Only members in good standing may enjoy the facilities; dues, special assessments, and any other fees must be paid.

Adults and children may be required to provide acceptable identification (i.e., drivers' license/school ID card) to receive passes.

Facility memberships are issued or renewed at the cost of \$30 per pass per year at [www.glenshired Devonshire.com](http://www.glenshired Devonshire.com). All Passes expire December 31, 2019 or when title of property changes. Early bird pass fees purchased only between dates of April 1, 2019 and May

1, 2019 are \$25 per pass. Members 70 and older are free.

**Unauthorized use of a Facility Membership may result in fines not less than \$75 per occurrence, along with the loss of facility use and privileges.**

#### Family Members

Passes are available to GDRA property owners and their immediate family or related persons. Total passes cannot exceed 5 and any additional family members will be considered guests (guest fees apply).

#### Members without Passes

Members without passes will be charged at daily guest fee rate.

#### Passes for Non-family members and Non-owners

Two of the 5 available passes per property may be obtained for non-family members, non-residents/nanny for \$75 per pass per year.

#### Guest Information

A guest is any individual invited by an Owner to use amenities (with the approval of the Association), including renters. Members may invite up to four guests per day per property. Guests must be accompanied by the Owner.

Guest fees are \$5 per visit per guest of any age.

#### Transfer of facility passes

Homeowners may transfer facility

rights to leasehold tenants provided the lease term is three (3) months or longer. A facility transfer form and verification of the lease will be required. Transfer of rights must be updated annually.

### General Rules Applicable To Facility Use

#### Use of Facility by Minors, Members and Guest:

Children under the age of 12 will not be allowed to use or have access to any Association amenities without direct adult supervision. Any member or guest not following the rules may be asked to leave.

#### Personal Injury and Property Damage:

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# LIBERTY UTILITIES

By Kurt Althof,  
Program Manager, Communications & Media Relations

## Winter Storms and Power Outages

A crisp, fresh blanket of undisturbed snow is a beautiful sight, but it can come at an inconvenient price. Unplanned power outages are an unfortunate reality of the winter season, especially when contentious storms like those experienced in early February roll through the mountains. Liberty Utilities goes to great lengths to minimize the potential of power outages through its robust infrastructure maintenance and vegetation management programs. However, neither the strongest electrical distribution system nor the complete eradication of invasive vegetation surrounding power lines can eliminate all weather-related power outages.

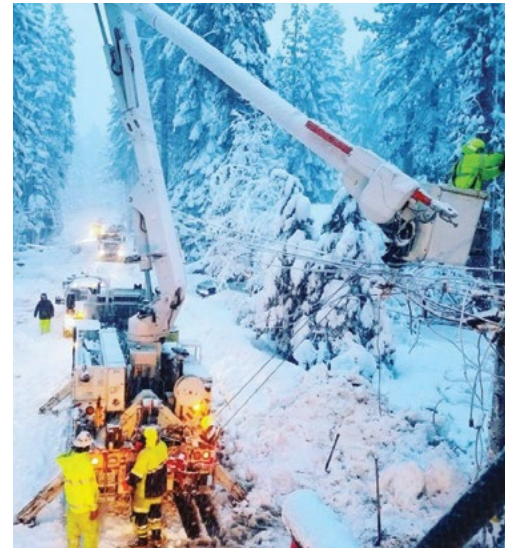
## What Causes a Power Outage in a Storm?

Weather-related power outages come in many forms and situational circumstances, but almost all result in a short circuit that trips the breaker or blows a fuse. Take high wind for example. High winds, like the winds we often see during a winter storm, can cause lines to bounce and sway, occasionally slapping together. A brief isolated wire slap on a transmission line may only cause a quick flicker of your lights as indiscernible as the blink of an eye. On the other hand, repeated wire slaps in a short duration can lock out a breaker causing an actual outage. Similar to wind caused wire slaps, snow unloading from a power line or an overhead tree can result in a significant bounce of the line and subsequent wire slap. Whether the cause be high wind or the release of snow, it is not uncommon for a wire slap to lead to a power outage, especially if it occurs on a lateral line. A single slap on a lateral line, or the line that provides electrical service to residential neighborhoods, can cause a fuse to blow thereby stopping the flow of power.

Trees are another frequent catalyst for winter-related power outages. Tree limbs and branches can weaken under the weight of heavy snow and strong winds,

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breaking from the tree's base and getting tangled in the power lines. A tree branch in the line will trip the breaker or blow a fuse, resulting in a power outage. In some extreme cases, an entire tree will uproot or break and fall into or through the power lines. Dead, dying and hazardous trees are removed every year through our vegetation management program to limit these scenarios, but even healthy green trees can break or fall in storms.

## How Long Does it Take to Bring the Power Back?

Weather-related power outages are a reality of mountain living, especially when Mother Nature is wreaking havoc. However, the question on everyone's mind when a power outage does occur is, "When will it be back on?" Unfortunately there is no magic switch and restoration of power depends on several factors. In most cases the fix is similar to resetting a breaker at your house or replacing a blown fuse

in your car, but locating and resolving the issue can be more complicated and time consuming than meets the eye.

Once an outage is detected, a "Troubleman" is dispatched to the area of the outage to investigate. If the problem area is easily accessible and the outage was caused by a wire slap or a blown fuse on a lateral line, the Troubleman can typically get to the area, identify the issue and replace the fuse(s) in a relatively short period of time, perhaps in two hours or less. For more significant events such as trees that fall into or through a transmission line in a wilderness area that can only be accessed by snowmobile, snowcat or on snowshoes, the initial response time alone can take several hours. In this scenario, once the Troubleman gets to the area and identifies the problem they may need to call in a tree crew, line crew or both to remove a tree and make repairs. These situations take significantly longer, six to twelve



hours or even more, especially when the area cannot be accessed directly by trucks.

In most cases, Liberty Utilities can isolate issues and use remote switches to reduce the duration and the number of people affected by an outage. We understand it's frustrating and inconvenient to lose power, but rest assured our crews are working as quickly and efficiently as possible to restore your power. If you are experiencing a power outage, please report it by calling 1-844-245-6868, or use the online form on our website at [www.libertyutilities.com](http://www.libertyutilities.com) in the outage section. Your reports help us pinpoint the issue and respond quickly. When the power does go out, we do our best to communicate and keep our customers informed of the situation. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter or visit the outage page at [LibertyUtilities.com](http://LibertyUtilities.com) for more information.

### Liberty Utilities Tree Removal/Trimming

Liberty Utilities is currently engaged in managing the vegetation that has the potential to interfere with the high voltage power lines. They plan to be removing and trimming trees in the Glenshire Devonshire community, and will most likely be starting in spring 2019. So far they have designated trees between the Strand and Glenshire Drive and near Lancaster. Liberty Utilities plans to give at least 5 days notice of the work starting and GDRA will then send an eblast out to those on our e-list. Please go to [www.glenshiredevonshire.com](http://www.glenshiredevonshire.com) to sign up for our e-news.





**Lara Ritchie**

## Picking a Non-stick Pan

What if I told you using the right pan meant you could have dessert? That's right, which pan you choose will ultimately decide not just what flavors you will create, but also how much fat you need to properly cook your food. Cooking comes down to ingredients, techniques and what equipment you need to conduct heat efficiently and effectively to produce great results.

Nonstick pans are a great tool and offer more than just easy cleanup. We recommend nonstick pans for cooking eggs, fish and batter items like pancakes and crepes. Here are three things to consider when choosing a nonstick pan.

### What is the pan made of and is it safe to use?

All non-stick pans have a coating of some type. For safety, definitely look for a pan that is PFOA free. Pans made with PFOA coating (mainly Teflon) have been found to be harmful when the pan is overheated and the PFOA "off gases" into the room. Not good! So please, if you have any scratched up, old non-stick pans, throw them away. Notice I did not say to donate them either. This brings up a key point though for all nonstick cookware—nonstick pans, because of the coating, are designed to be medium heat pans. To get the best performance and durability, do not heat your nonstick pan above 400-450 degrees.

### How does the pan perform?

Just like in other cookware, the main thing you are looking for is a pan that will conduct the heat effectively and evenly around the

pan. Ideally, you are looking for a 3-ply pan (Stainless Steel-Aluminum-Stainless Steel) with a top of the line nonstick coating. Our "go-to" nonstick pans are:

1. Cristel Casteline- 5-ply core cooking base with 3-ply sides—a dream to cook on because of its amazing heat distribution. Cristel uses Excellis, a top of the line, PFOA free coating, that is manufacture using a 3 layer coating process. It has a 10 year warranty which is virtually unheard of in the nonstick cookware industry. \$195-\$295
2. Chantal Induction 21- The Chantal nonstick frypan incorporates a 3-ply diffuser cooking base with titanium and copper infused stainless steel sides. The coating is a very durable nonstick silicone ceramic coating, think a high tech pyrex and you get the picture. \$60-\$120
3. Frieling Black Cube- This pan is interesting and works great, especially if you like to use metal utensils. The Black Cube is a "hybrid" 3-ply core pan that incorporates stainless steel pixels/cubes with nonstick coating in the valleys for its cooking surface. Food essentially cooks on the stainless steel pixels which keeps the coating safe from scratching when using metal utensils. \$50-\$110

### How durable is a non-stick pan?

They do have a shelf life. Each manufacturer will have slightly different standards of care for their pan. As long as your pan doesn't contain PFOA then it will never be "unsafe" to cook in, but the non-stick property may diminish over time requiring you to use fat to cook in the pan. Generally, non-stick pans have a shelf life around 3 years. Cristel offers a 10 year guarantee for their non-stick pan, so you won't have to replace it as often as a lesser quality pan. Remember it is very important to not overheat these pans to extend their useful life.

The fun part of cooking is placing flavor where you want it. These non-stick pan gives you grace when you don't want to use fat. What makes cooking easy is having a pan that works for you rather than you doing the heavy lifting. A pan that conducts heat efficiently and that is easy to clean makes cooking fun.



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April 13 Dutch Oven Cooking  
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### Keep Truckee Green

#### Green Waste Cart

As we settle into winter in Truckee, residents have reached out with questions about the new trash and recycling services. As you likely noticed, green waste collection ended in the fall. It will start again in May, weather permitting. Until then, store your green cart out of sight along the side of your house, in your garage, or under your porch.

#### Recycling Cart

Recycling carts are picked up year-round every other Thursday. All mixed recyclables can go in the recycling cart including paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, and plastics numbers one and two. You can find a pick-up calendar and recycling signs at [keeptruckeegreen.org](http://keeptruckeegreen.org). If you don't have a recycling cart, sign up for one online or collect your recyclables in blue bags and place the blue bags next to your trash on service days.

#### Reminder

Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal considers any trash can with trash above the brim of can overfull and will charge the customer an overage. Avoid these charges by only filling your trash can to the brim and placing blue bags next to the trash can. Every Truckee resident can schedule four free overages per calendar year. If you know that you have extra trash one week, schedule an overage on TTSD's online customer portal and up to three extra trash cans will be picked up for free.



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# MOUNTAIN HOUSING COUNCIL

## Solutions For All Of Us?

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The Mountain Housing Council's (MHC) three year mission, begun in 2017, is to accelerate solutions to the housing crisis in the Tahoe-Truckee region. With 28 stakeholders together in the same room, this is nothing short of a Herculean task, and as a community we are all grateful for their undertaking. The MHC defines our housing challenges as availability, variety, and affordability.

The MHC has had some considerable successes to date, including policy recommendations already adopted by some municipalities to reduce fees associated with home construction, making fees appropriately scale with dwelling size, and suggesting fee deferrals for affordable housing projects to make them more appealing to developers. Their work in affordable housing also has born fruit with the Meadow View Place project, a proposed 56-unit development in Martis Valley for which the MHC helped secure a \$16 million state grant. Other topics the MHC is addressing include short term rentals and establishing housing funding pools for down payment assistance, rental assistance, and development incentives – all of which are geared toward magnifying our community's response to this crisis.

## The Housing Crisis

The economic variables that have contributed to this crisis, the housing shortage, its accompanying labor challenges and cost of living increases, are many and complex. But, it perhaps can be summed up most readily, albeit simplistically, by understanding the disparity between the increase in home prices versus the increase in incomes. According to the US Census, between 2010 and 2017, the median income in Truckee increased 36%, while over the same time period, the median home price increased 49%. Nationally, housing prices rose 5.1% in 2018, with only a 1.2% increase in real wages in the same year. *(Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

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This trend is not unique to Tahoe, but is widespread, increasing in severity, and worrisome, because housing prices are simply increasing faster than many

people's ability to afford them. It is not surprising to learn then, that in the Tahoe basin more than 60% of the population is considered "rent-burdened"—a federal designation for those paying more than 30% of their income for housing. Nationally, the population that is considered "severely" rent burdened, paying more than 50% of their income for housing, has increased 42% since

2001. Also nationally, rental costs have far outpaced wages, *increasing* on average 3% annually between 2001 and 2015, with wages *decreasing* on average 0.1% annually in the same period (*Pew Institute, 2018*). With more resources going toward housing costs, usually the single largest household expense, individuals and families are more financially fragile and draw more on federal, state, and local aid services. They also have less income to inject into local economies. It is clear that the fault lines are widening between those who can afford property, and glean the benefits of financial stability or rental income that accompany it, and those who cannot. The polarization of wealth in our country is at its widest point in almost 100 years. (*Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)

## Out of Balance

In a resort area like Tahoe-Truckee, these trends and the resulting economic fragility are exacerbated by a local economy inexorably tied to tourism, a dominant second-home real estate market that makes building affordable homes less attractive, and a seasonal rental market that uniquely removes more units of housing from available inventory than in other communities. In recent years, short term rentals (STRs) have made vacation home ownership more feasible for many, while at the same time decreasing housing inventory available for locals—a perfect storm that both reduces supply and drives prices higher. However, for some locals, short term rentals also present needed additional income to help make ends meet. In Truckee, 11% of STR's are operated by full time residents,



vs. 85% operated by second home owners. (*Town of Truckee, 2018 – 4% status undetermined*) Compounding these forces are the whims of winter weather, and macro-economic trends that make a resort economy less resilient to changing economic tides. In a financial downturn, a Tahoe-bound ski week may be the first luxury to be replaced by a necessity. In a downturn, when a local is compelled to relocate, their house is also more likely to be converted to a vacation home when sold.

According to the MHC, the Tahoe-Truckee housing stock of about 38,000 homes is comprised of approximately 65% vacation homes, and 35% primary residences, with a roughly 50/50 split being ideal for a sustainable year-round economy and adequate housing availability for local and seasonal workers. The MHC reports that 12,000

additional housing units are required to meet local workforce demand now (8,000), and over the next 20 years (4,000). Our housing market is out of balance.

A happy tension between local and tourist economies in a resort town is common, though ours now may call for uncommon action to address an increasingly consequential imbalance. A resolution to this imbalance is challenging given the vacation home industry - sales, construction, service, maintenance, and more - that supports many locals. While the second home tax base supports things like services, infrastructure, and education, those homes also have an annual vacancy rate of between 51%-81% (*BAE Needs Assessment, 2016*)—which is 51%-81% of the time potential residents are contributing little to the local economy.

Our services and infrastructure strain to accommodate when our community swells to full capacity, yet we can not economize expansion with the opportunity cost that vacancy rate represents.

Of the 2,186 housing units currently planned or in construction, according to the MHC, 282 (13%) are affordable housing, of those, 133 are deed restricted for primary residences. This is a universal good, and we applaud the MHC for any affordable or local housing increases. But, it only represents 2% of the 12,000 affordable housing units it says are needed, and that 2% which might take several years to build. Of the remaining 87% of new housing units planned, without any regulation or constraints a majority will likely be purchased as vacation homes, continuing or widening the housing

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imbalance. For example, 81% of the housing units added in North Lake Tahoe between 2010-2016 were second homes. (*BAE Needs Assessment, 2016*). It seems unlikely that we will ever be able to build our way out of this crisis.

## Undue Influence

It may be no surprise, however disappointing, that with the money involved, there are those present at the MHC table to protect those interests, such as a paid lobbyist for the Tahoe Sierra Board of Realtors (TSBOR). Special interest-paid lobbyists have proven a toxic, corrupting influence in our democracy at the federal and state level, and it is deeply troubling that the contagion they spread has infected even our grass roots efforts to address our local housing challenges. It is even more worrisome given the real estate sector's contributions to the very crisis the MHC is trying to solve. The repeated boom and bust real estate cycle, and the recurrence of the "housing bubble" phenomenon demonstrate the untethered swing of real estate prices and their unnatural trajectory. Property values are a victim of genuine macro-economic forces as well, and a real estate industry rebuttal might protest that real estate trends are purely market-driven. If that is in fact the case, why then, according to the TSBOR, does it have 14 lobbyists on its payroll? GDRA has had direct experience with the TSBOR lobby in our own attempts to address short term rental issues (look for your chance to vote on upcoming CC&R revisions!) and it seems clear that they are more concerned with how addressing short term rentals might effect their commissions, than how short term rentals are effecting our community. The MHC has released a white paper on short term rentals, and, according to the MHC, a significant contributor of research for that white paper: the paid lobbyist for the TSBOR.

## Our Priorities

For GDRA, our concerns about the housing crisis are many-fold. We are business owners searching for affordable workers at sustainable wages, we are employees in the tourism, real estate, healthcare, construction, service industries, and other sectors all integrated into a local economy. We are disproportionately effected by the increased cost of living the housing crisis creates. We pay that increased cost of living not just a weekend, a week, or a month out of the year—we pay it 12 months of the year.

GDRA was heartened by the MHC invitation, a year into their process, to attend a presentation to local home owner associations (HOAs) regarding their progress on this complex issue. Although Tahoe Donner, an MHC funder and its only HOA member, might have very different priorities than GDRA in addressing the housing crises, we grapple with many similar issues. We can only trust that the local voice, which seems under-represented amid the MHC's lobbyists and industry, business, and municipal groups, will still feature in its deliberations. In a predominantly local, year-round community such as GDRA, we care about prosperity, achievable housing solutions, and a sustainable economy, but many of us also live here specifically because it is a year-round community. We like having neighbors, and raising our families amid friends. A connected, cohesive community is fundamental to our quality of life, yet is increasingly rare in the area. Loss of that sense of community is an equal concern and equally threatened by the symptoms of the housing crisis.

*The Mountain Housing Council is a project of the Tahoe-Truckee Community Foundation, a fixture of philanthropic advocacy and good works in our area. For more information, or to donate in support of the MHC or their many other community initiatives, please visit [www.ttcf.net](http://www.ttcf.net)*

## The Scope of Solutions

It is difficult with such a broad-ranging issue as housing, with all its adjacent effects, to satisfy everyone. This article, admittedly, is a case in point. It is also difficult to see how the completely laudable 2% affordable housing advances cited by the MHC, when built years on, will adequately address the scope of affordable housing needed, or address the larger housing imbalance problem. The many indicators that the MHC reports all seem to point to a housing imbalance as the crux of the crisis. Yet, the MHC's 28-member consensus plans to address this fundamental imbalance between vacation and primary housing do not seem to match that problem's scope. We hope the good ideas the MHC has brought to the table, such as policy shifts, fee adjustments, deed restrictions and incentives for long-term rentals, expand results beyond one of the MHC's most relevant stated goals: increasing workers living in the area (not commuting) by one percent.

We are sure the MHC's success to date around housing solutions will continue. Witnessing the amount of time these dedicated, knowledgeable, energetic stakeholders are contributing for these hard-won results, it might be a wake up call for us all—that what we need ultimately is a sea change in order to realign our housing market for our community's long-term sustainability. We hope the MHC's good work can help spur these solutions – for all of us.



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### Reminder— GDRA 2019 Annual Dues Changes

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**New Payment Due Date:** March 1, 2019

**New 3 Pay Payment Plan (Optional):** 3 payments of \$125 each, due January 1, February 1 and March 1, 2019

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Click on "Pay Annual Dues". Free ACH payments available!



### Calling All Creative Types!

The Shire is accepting community and resident article submissions and cover photos for future

issues of The Shire. Share something important about our community! Include photos where applicable. Photo submission guidelines: digital, high resolution JPG files. Have an idea, but not sure? Give Lori at the clubhouse office a call 530.587.6202. Submit articles & photos to [peggy@cc.media](mailto:peggy@cc.media). Upcoming issues – May (submit by March 26th), Aug (submit by June 17th), Oct (submit by Aug 15th).

### Please Note

For members on the Special Assessment payment plan, payments will still be due March 1, 2019. These statements were mailed out in January 2019. Please pay Special Assessment separately from Annual Dues and contact GDRA office if you are unsure of your balance.

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# FIREWISE COMMUNITY

From Your GDRA Board

## GDRA Is A Firewise Community

Being a Firewise community gives GDRA a national certification. The purpose of which is to make Glenshire/Devonshire a more fire safe place to live in this time of drought and enormous community fires. GDRA had an extensive assessment of the community by the Nevada Fire Safety Council and we are very proud of obtaining this certification.

We have much work to do as a community to keep this designation. We will be organizing a Firewise Community Committee to help with implementing the projects. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please let GDRA know. We will be starting in March 2019.

## Benefits of Being Firewise

1. Procuring a grant of approximately \$73,000 for a fuel reduction project which includes extensive mastication/tree thinning projects in GDRA open space.
2. Comprehensive education and information, including handouts, e-blasts, workshops, etc., will be provided to all members on how to make their homes as fire safe as possible. For instance, in the past, members were told that leaving pine needles on the ground is okay to prevent erosion, but now we need to make sure every house removes pine needles/pine cones/other flammable ground cover in an effort to reduce fire danger.
3. A Community Firewise Workshop, tentatively to be held June 2, 2019, to supply information to all members and answer questions.
4. Members being responsible to do a minimum of fire safety work each year on their property in order for us to meet the Firewise requirements. We will be asking all members to keep track and report to GDRA the number of hours they have worked for fire safety. Part of the duty of the Firewise committee will be to keep track of the hours and do outreach and inspections to members who may need help/more information.

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# FIREWISE USA®

## RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

The new normal is a year-round fire season, and our community must respond. As all members know, there are only 2 main roads in and out of Glenshire. Should a major fire erupt in our area, having houses as fire safe as possible may mean the difference to many of losing their homes, or even, their lives. Let's do everything we can to prevent another California disaster and work together to make our homes safe.

Thank you,

*Your Board*

### Firewise Committee

Interested in joining our Firewise Committee?

Contact Lori at [glenshire1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glenshire1@sbcglobal.net)

### What is Firewise?

Firewise USA is a National Fire Protection Association program that teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take preemptive action to prevent losses.

### How does it work?

Firewise USA provides a collaborative framework for neighbors to reduce wildfire risks at the local level. The national program gets down to the neighborhood levels, providing tools, education, and plans for increasing a home's chance of surviving a wildfire while making it safer for firefighters to defend their home and neighborhood. The program has annual renewal requirements - in order to remain a Firewise USA site, a neighborhood must complete a certain number of hours and meet criteria to be recertified.

### Why should I participate?

Scientific research has proven that when adequately prepared, a home can withstand a wildland fire without the intervention of fire suppression services. And when firefights do become involved in saving a home, Firewise Communities provide a safer working environment to help make a dangerous job safer. When an entire community gathers

together to make the neighborhood a better place, everyone benefits. The new normal is a year-round fire season, and our community must respond.

### Benefits of being a FireWise Site

The program is specially designed for small communities, developments, and residential associations of all types. Firewise Communities is a template approach that provides the following benefits:

- Educational materials and resources for achieving defensible space goals
- Wildland fire staff from the Fire Safe Council, federal, state, and local agencies provide a community with information about coexisting with wildfire, along with mitigation information tailored to that specific area.
- The community can assess its risk and creates its own network of cooperating homeowners, agencies, and organizations.
- Together, the community identifies and implements local solutions that make the neighborhood safer and more livable for all.



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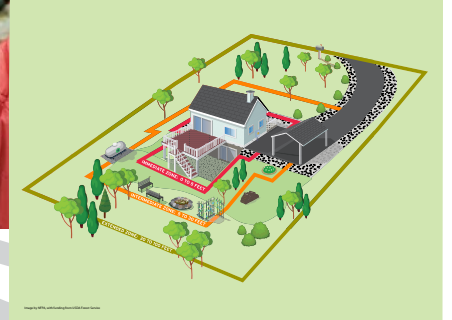
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## COMMUNITY SAFETY

“Every year, more people are living where wildfires are a risk. By working together, residents can make their properties and neighborhoods safer.”



### Wildfire Risk Reduction: 10 Safety Tips

#### Action Items to Improve Your Home's Survivability

- **Remove** leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **Screen** areas below decks and porches with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- **Cover** exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- **Enclose** eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- **Inspect** shingles or roof tiles. **Replace** missing shingles or tiles. **Cover** ends of tiles with bird stops or cement to help prevent ember penetration during a wildfire.

#### Tips for Landscaping Around Your Home

- **Remove** dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home.
- **Keep** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to help reduce fire intensity.
- **Prune** tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6-10 feet above the ground to help reduce the chance of fire getting into the crowns of the trees.
- **Move** construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- **Dispose** of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles and grass clippings that you have cut to reduce fuel for the fire.

### You Can Make A Difference!

Increase your wildfire safety. make simple low-cost changes to your home and landscape starting today. visit [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) for more information.



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# EDDY ♥ HOUSE

Would you be surprised to learn that Nevada has the fastest growing rate of youth homelessness in the country? Most of us have no idea that there are hundreds of young people in Downtown Reno who are without a safe place to sleep at night. Where do these kids come from? Where do they go?

"Most of these kids are local," says Michele Gehr, Executive Director of Eddy House, "They grew up in Nevada and come out of our homes and systems." Eddy House is a local nonprofit organization that serves as the central intake and assessment facility for all homeless youth in Northern Nevada. When it opened in 2015, Eddy House served fewer than 100 homeless young people; last year they hosted nearly 1,000 individual youth.

Eddy House offers youth food, clothing, showers and safe place to be during the day. They also partner with over 30 organizations to bring services like life and job skills, music and art therapy, mental health counseling, and school reengagement. Most homeless youth at Eddy House lack the resources and family support they need to transition to healthy adulthood. For many, Eddy House has become the family they never had.

This was especially true over the holidays. A few days before Christmas, dozens of youth came in off the street to eat a hot meal, pick up a new backpack, coat, winter shoes and other items. The small facility was decorated by staff with twinkling lights and a Christmas tree. "We always try to make Eddy House feel like home during the holidays. These kids just want to be normal young adults," states Gehr, "But with a less than 1% vacancy rate in our housing market, they have no ability to find an affordable place to live. You need to have a safe, warm place to sleep at night in order to keep a job or return to school. How many of us could keep a job if we had nowhere to shower or sleep?"

The data shows that if you can intervene in the life of a homeless youth before the age of 25, 85% do not become homeless again. Gehr sees this as an opportunity, "We can actually prevent these young people from entering the adult system and effectively stop the cycle before it starts."

Eddy House is about hope. Last Fall, a young man came into Eddy House with the dream of becoming a firefighter. "What is preventing you from following your dream?" asked Jana Wellman, Eddy House Marriage and Family Therapist Intern. The young man looked up at her, "A pair of boots", he answered sadly. At the time, wildfires were raging in California and the folks there were desperate for help. This young man had already lined up a job. Eddy House posted on social media, asking the community to pitch-in. Within 48 hours, the boots were purchased and the young firefighter was on a bus, ready to join a fire crew. While in California, he made a friend from Reno. The two returned, became roommates and rented an apartment together. A pair of \$500 boots changed a young man's life.

Eddy House is especially proud of young people who learn the life skills they need to move forward. A young woman came into Eddy House daily to access resources. Through conversations and positive relationships with staff, this young woman realized that her lack of education was holding her back. Eddy House assisted her with school reengagement and referred her to another program where she graduated with a high school diploma. Through community donations, this young woman received interview clothing and was able to go

to work. She moved back in with family and recently purchased her first vehicle.

"We meet them where they are at," says Gehr, "There is so much potential in this building, but it will take the entire community to solve youth homelessness in Northern Nevada." Eddy House has recently purchased a building with a loan from the State of Nevada and will expand in late 2019 to a 24-hour facility. They are working toward the goal of securing 1-year operating costs before they can expand to overnight services.

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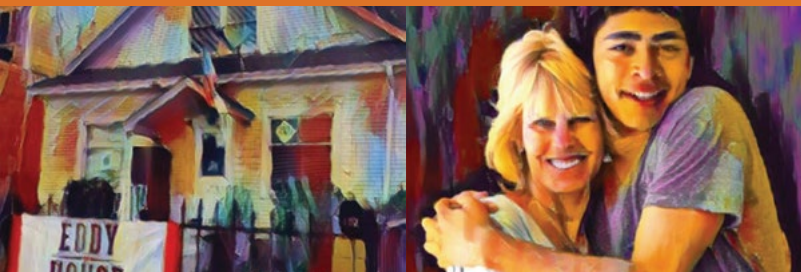
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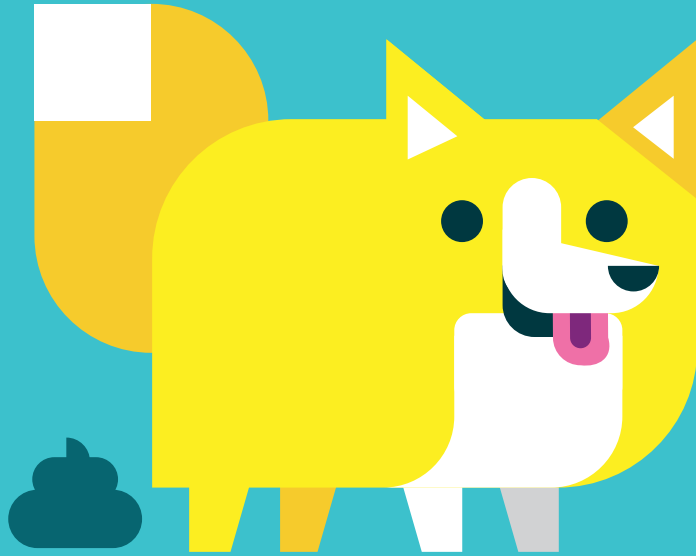
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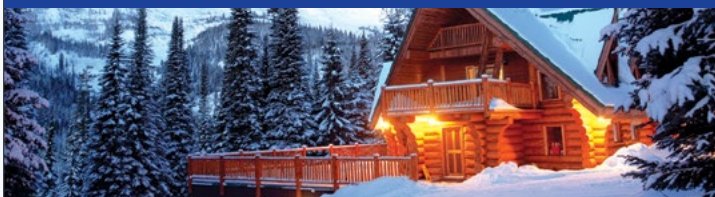
## Lake Trail Fundraising Campaign

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