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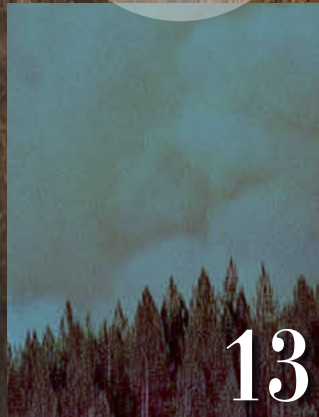
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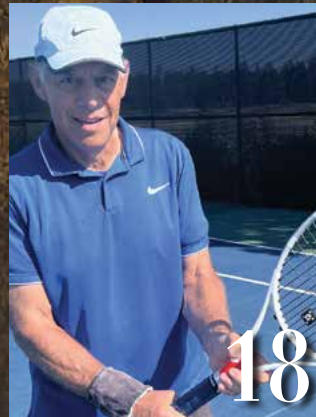
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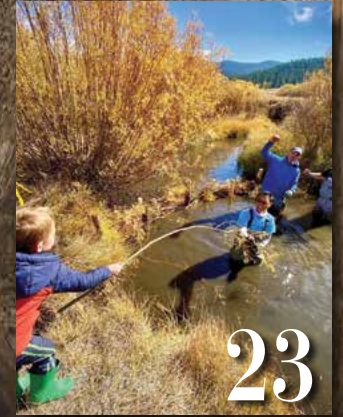
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Newly retired Denis Weil, along with his wife Barbara, are recent transplants to Truckee and Glenshire.



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Truckee River Day

There is a little, yet mighty, gem that flows through our town, sparkles like a jewel in the summer, and hosts puffs of pure white snow on her banks in the winter.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Town of Truckee
Micro Transit
Pilot Project
drew an average
daily ridership of
300 people from
the Glenshire
area!**

At the time of writing this message, the students in our community have just started back at school, we've got another heat wave upon us, and although I love summer I could do with a bit more rain. I'm so thankful for the rain we have received this year.

The governing documents election was canceled in August. We did not receive nearly enough votes to constitute a quorum of the membership. So the Board decided to take this time to step back, cancel the election, and further address some of the areas of concern within the documents. To accomplish

this, we appointed a committee of those who showed interest in refining the proposed wording. We hope to get these documents revised and then back out to the membership for a vote. Our biggest challenge remains getting enough members to vote on the proposal. It is critical that we update the documents to allow for consistent and transparent administration of our community.

As I write this the 2022 Board of Directors Election has not been completed. We will have our results at our annual meeting on September 17. I look forward to a good turn out this year. Hopefully an increase in attendance by not holding it on Labor Day weekend.

What a summer! Once the pump got fixed and the pool was up and running we had a wildly successful summer. So many of you enjoyed this wonderful amenity. It was great to have it back in full operation as we continue to emerge from Covid-19 restrictions. Sending out a big thank you to Colton and his team for running a great summer program. It's been great to have our new and enthusiastic staff on board.

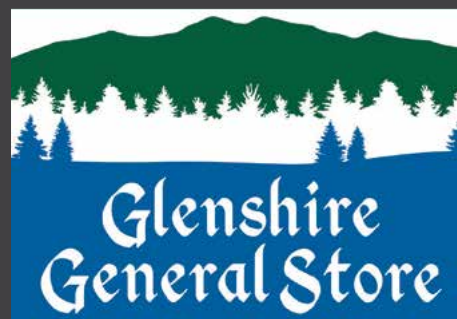
The Town of Truckee Micro Transit pilot project was a big success this summer. I was told we had an average daily ridership of 300! That's quite a few extra

vehicles off the road. It sounds like the Town will be brining this program back in the winter so keep an eye out for updates on this fantastic resource.

I hope you all have an enjoyable, safe, and healthy autumn. Continue to care for each other. Watch out for our students and other pedestrians and cyclists. Slow down and give them at least three feet. There's nowhere you need to be that's more important than the safety of those around you.



Claudia Hanson
Claudia Hanson,
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Governing Docs Election Was Cancelled on August 18, 2022

Thank you Members for all of your input on the GDRA proposed Governing Documents! The Election will be re-run after further revisions based on Member feedback.

A committee of GDRA community members was formed and will review and advise the Board on improvements to the Governing Documents. Please join us in thanking the following community members who have volunteered their time and expertise serve in this work group: Tom Ballister, Carla Embertson, Darren Hall, Benjamin Van Blarigan and Stefan Youngren. The Governing Documents Committee meet Mondays, 6pm at the GDRA Clubhouse during the month of October (subject to change).

We received further member input our Governing Documents at the September 17th GDRA Annual Membership Open Forum - thank you! Please look out for more open board and committee meetings for Member input on the revisions to the proposed Governing Documents.

If you had concerns about any of the language in the previously proposed Governing Documents, including guidelines around parking and vehicles, short term rentals, or any other area, please participate in the meetings!

The Governing Documents that are currently in effect were last revised many years ago. In addition to being legally compliant as an HOA in California, the purpose of the governing documents is to benefit the membership as a whole. While the board does its best to represent the overall needs of the community, nothing is more valuable than member's direct input and feedback in shaping these guiding documents for the next stretch of time. If you can't make meeting, please feel free to email input or ask questions by emailing lori@glenshiredenvershire.com or board@glenshiredenvershire.com and please vote when the time comes!



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE
Via Video/Teleconference (subject to change)
October 13, 2022 - 2023 Budget Workshop
November 10, 2022
January 19, 2023

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Design Review Committee (DRC) meets the
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of most months, and
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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

*Don't miss the
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webinar!*

Wildfire Safety

We are all aware that fire season is upon us. Thank you to all of the residents that have been doing defensible space and home hardening work on their properties! Truckee Fire Measure T helped a lot with the Green Waste chipping and pick-up programs. Wildfire safety is a high priority for the Association, not only in creating defensible space, but also in "Home Hardening". Science has proven the "Ember-Resistant Zone" (Zone 0 - the area within 0 to 5 feet of the home) to be the most important of all the defensible space zones. There is some good information in this Shire, including some fairly easy methods to help create an Ember-Resistant Zone such as replacing combustible fencing and gates with noncombustible alternatives and remove combustible items from beneath decks.

Two important things residents can do to help our community remain FireWise:

1) Log in your defensible space and home hardening time at www.glenshired Devonshire.com

2) View the "Home Hardening and Evacuation" webinar [Vimeo.com/569108043](https://vimeo.com/569108043)

Password: truckee, and check that box when logging in your time.

Pool Season

We had a successful pool season and managed to extend into September, when weather and AQI permitted. The all new pool staff did a tremendous job, along with facilities and admin staff doing their part to help keep the pool operating, especially when pool staff was unavailable. We welcome input from members on pool operations as we strive to improve every year, so please feel free to call or email us.

2023 Budget Workshop

The Glenshire/Devonshire Association 2023 Budget Workshop will be held at our October 13, 6pm board meeting. We encourage Members to participate in this process:

- Attend the October 13 board meeting, 6pm. Agenda is posted at glenshired Devonshire.com

- Email your input on particular items to lori@glenshired Devonshire.com or call 530.587.6202

The Annual Assessments are revisited every year. What is included in your annual assessment?

- **Operating Fund:** Revenue/Expenses for all member amenities and services, including Capital Improvements (new items to improve efficiency or additional member services)
- **Reserve Replacement Fund:** Planned maintenance/repairs, replacement and restoration of facilities and common areas

Budget Process

- The Board is utilizing the 2022 Member survey results to help guide 2023 budget decisions

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- The Board will review and discuss the 2023 draft budget prepared by staff and finance team
- Summary budget information will be provided
- Members will be able to give input and ask questions
- The Board will provide further recommendations for the 2023 budget, including the Annual Assessment amount

Member Survey

Along with the 2022 Member survey results being utilized to help with 2023 budget decisions, they will also be crucial in guiding the Board in a more in depth strategic planning process starting this winter. We hope you will join board meetings and share additional input. Full survey results can be found at www.glenshiredevonshire.com. Huge thanks to members who provided their input through the March 2022 member survey. Top priorities expressed were: 1) Wildfire protection projects, 2) Improved common areas/facilities, 3) Re-opening the Clubhouse, 4) Ensuring that properties are compliant with CCRs. Staff has been working hard to help achieve these priorities.

Staffing

After spending much of April/May recruiting pool staff, Tamrah and I again spent much of August/September in recruitment mode for a new administrative assistant and facilities manager. We will miss Tamrah and Harry who both will be moving on to continue their piloting careers this fall. These are tough shoes to fill. At the time of writing this we are hiring an administrative assistant and are still interviewing for facilities manager. Hope to be able to better serve the community soon with full staffing!

Cover Photography

Martin Meyers, a local photographer has very generously offered to provide cover photos for future issues of The Shire. Our local birds are a common topic in his photographs! Several wading birds use the Glenshire Pond for feeding on fish and whatever else they can find, or sometimes just for roosting. These include Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Great Blue Heron, and even a few Black-crowned Night-Herons. And a Cattle Egret was near the pond in 2010 – the only one ever reported on the east slope of Nevada County. www.sierrabirdbum.com

Happy Fall,

Lori Kelley

Lori Kelley, GDRA Operations Manager



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Maintain Defensible Space & Ember-Resistant Zone

Defensible space and home hardening on every property matters toward increasing fire safety for the entire region. Helpful toolkits and information can be found by visiting www.readyforwildfire.org

Help Keep Your Neighborhood Safe

Do not use Fireworks, Bottle Rockets, etc. They are dangerous, not allowed and against the law. Please respect the speed limits and bike lanes.

Contact GDRA For Exterior Improvement Approvals

Most exterior improvements require GDRA approval, including but not limited to: Painting / Windows / Sheds / Fences / Additions / Parking Areas / Tree Removal. Some improvements require a Design Review Committee approval, others staff approval

Pick Up Pet Waste At All Times

Pet waste is a polluter of the Glenshire Lake, which flows into the Truckee River. Many streams and drainages flow to the Glenshire Lake, so picking up pet waste on and off trails is important.

Keep Control of Pets

Pets chasing wildlife can be very detrimental, especially during nesting and fawning seasons. Keep dogs from roaming and respect use of leashes for their safety and the safety of others. We request dogs not go on the Glenshire Lake island.

Use Dark Sky Exterior Lighting

Dark skies are one of the reasons many of us live in the mountains and not a city. Town of Truckee and Glenshire have Dark Sky ordinances. Studies have shown that bright lights are harmful to wildlife, affecting feeding, mating and more. Visit www.darksky.org for more information.

Less of Our Light, More Star Light!

No RV Living

Pursuant to GDRA rules and regulations.

Responsible Use of Dumpsters, Bins and Carts

Please contact GDRA staff if you need to use the clubhouse dumpster. Please tie all bags and don't put cardboard or green waste in the dumpster. Please don't put household trash in the clubhouse bear bins or over the dumpster gate. Please help protect wildlife and store recycle carts in an enclosed area until morning of pick up. Please don't leave carts out on street before morning of trash pick up day.

Respect Your Neighborhood

Respect construction hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 8pm / Sat, Sun & Federal Holidays 9am - 7pm. Restrict Noise pollution: loud music, machinery, barking dogs, etc

Help Your Community by Volunteering

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Defensible Space Inspections To Resume This Fall

Truckee Fire Protection District will have their Defensible Space Team in the neighborhood completing defensible space inspections in the southern portions of the association this fall. Truckee Fire is using a new inspection software that gives residents a more comprehensive report with pictures and locations of where defensible space actions are required, and providing recommendations on home hardening to further reduce structure ignitability.

Truckee Fire has a goal to inspect every home at least once every three years, and is planning to inspect 1/3 of the association each year. Inspectors will be walking the street and knocking on doors to ask if the owners would like to participate in the inspection. If you are home, it is encouraged that you take the time to walk around your property with one of Truckee Fire's Inspectors and learn more about what actions you can take to prepare your home and property for wildfire. If no one is home the inspection will be completed from the roadway with a door hanger left at the residence with information provided to access the inspection report online. If you would like to schedule a free inspection with Truckee Fire so you can be present, go to www.truckee-fire.org/dspace.

Truckee Fire's Curbside Green Waste Chipping & Pick-Up programs did come to a close as of September 30th. This program is funded by Measure T, and was a big success in helping residents dispose of green waste generated from defensible space efforts around the community, so far nearly 2,000 piles have been picked-up or chipped! The Fire District's contractors are working hard through October to service all requests received, but will not be accepting new requests. This program will be available again starting in May 2023. The best way to dispose of green waste this fall is to continue to use the green yard waste bins, or to call TTSD and order a 6 yard green waste dumpster. Truckee Fire even offers a \$75 rebate. More info on <https://www.truckee-fire.org/defensible-space-rebate-program>.

Additionally this fall, Glenshire/Devonshire Residents' Association will follow up on our defensible space inspections performed in 2021 regarding compliance item(s) listed on the reports. The Glenshire community is very fortunate that Truckee Fire will be inspecting every property here within the next three years, and GDRA inspectors will be following up to make sure this important defensible space work is completed and maintained. To help streamline this process and reduce duplication of efforts and costs, the Glenshire Association is asking our residents to share their Truckee Fire inspection

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

The Glenshire community is very fortunate that Truckee Fire will be inspecting every property...

report with us. If you have any questions, please contact Glenshire Devonshire Defensible Space team at 530.587.7045 or dfspace@glenshiredevonshire.com.

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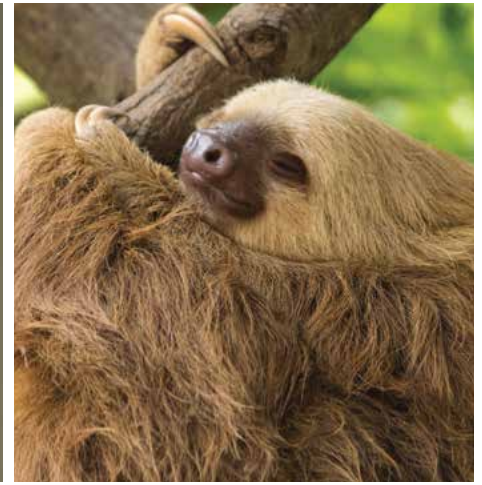
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DISCOVERY MUSEUM

By Patrick Turner, Chief Advancement Officer, The Discovery

Learn How the Slow Survive

Sometimes being slow, small, or weak can have its advantages! Survival of the Slowest explores the often-overlooked species that have used their disadvantages to help them survive—and even thrive—in a world where large, strong, and fast animals are often at the top of the food chain. Survival of the Slowest, the newest featured exhibition at The Discovery, takes its time and proves just that.

Survival of the Slowest will allow visitors to get up close and personal with more than 15 live animals including a two-toed sloth, red-footed tortoise, green iguana, four-toed hedgehog, bearded dragon, ball python, and more! Visitors will marvel in this immersive, educational experience, but only for a limited time at The Discovery!

This educational exhibition looks at the different survival strategies of different species. How can slow and steady win

the race? Does bigger always mean better? What animals benefit from being weak rather than strong? This exhibition looks at the advantages and disadvantages to these different traits.

Survival of the Slowest is on exhibit at The Discovery through January 8, 2023 and is included with museum admission. The Discovery is located at 490 S. Center Street in downtown Reno. Details are available at nvdm.org.










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2022 GDRA Board of Directors Election Results

"Candidates night" was held at the clubhouse on August 11, 2022 where association members were given the opportunity to write questions for the Candidates and hear their responses. There were two candidates running for two open seats on the Board. We would like to welcome the two Candidates elected to serve a two year term: **Adrian Juncosa and Miriam Rack.**



Claudia Hanson, President



Adrian Juncosa, Vice President



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Miriam Rack, Treasurer



Julia Collins, Member at Large

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

A huge thank you goes out to our summer staff member Harry Dixon. We'll miss you!

Meet Harry Dixon

As many of you may have noticed, the Clubhouse grounds and pool operations thrived this spring/summer season! Extensive repairs and replacements of fences and irrigation has occurred. The grass has been greener with spring and summer flowers everywhere. Pool operations ran smoothly along with



all new pool staff onboarded. A HUGE thank you to our summer staff member, Harry Dixon! I heard about Harry and his wide range of experience, especially with pools, landscape and maintenance. So I put a bug in his wife's ear to see if Harry would be interested in an interim position here. Thankfully, Harry agreed to serve as the interim facilities manager at the beginning of pool season; great timing, he came to the rescue!

Harry comes with many other skills and has been an amazing asset to our association over these past few months. He's hard working, efficient and very dedicated. Unfortunately for us, this is an interim position for Harry. When he's not improving GDRA facilities, assisting pool staff, or improving IT matters, he's flying Chinooks for the National Guard. His long term plan has him on his way to the next step of his piloting career early this fall.

We will miss having Harry and Tamrah on our team and wish them the best in their piloting careers.

Thank You, Harry!

Lori Kelley
Lori Kelley, GDRA Operations Manager

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IBHS Research

The main objective of the 0-to-5-foot zone is to reduce the potential that embers landing near a building will ignite fuels and expose the area around a home to a direct flame (Figure 1). Removing anything that can ignite from embers is critically important. To verify how effective a 5-foot noncombustible zone is around a building, more than 180 tests were conducted in 2018 at the IBHS Research Center to evaluate fire behavior and heating of buildings (Figures 2a & 2b).

Key Observations

- For combustible landscaping, such as wood mulch, the thickness of the mulch bed, wind speed, and location of the flame and building all impact the potential of mulch to ignite and how quickly fire can spread to the building.
- Burning mulch generates embers that can ignite nearby mulch, increasing the chances of direct flame contact spreading to the building.
- When flames are 5 feet away, a building's surface temperature is below temperatures that could cause ignition. However, corners of a building (45-degree angles) experience a higher temperature when exposed to flames, even when a 5-foot space is present. Testing showed that corners can be more vulnerable due to fire spread through fuel (such as mulch) on the ground, because at the same wind speed, wind blowing directly at a wall (90-degree angle) will result in taller flames and more radiant heat, while wind on a corner (45-degree angle) will result in longer flames that are closer to the ground.

Recommendations

- Keep the corner areas of a building clear of combustible materials due to the higher probability of having direct flame touching the surrounding ground.
- Keep gutters free of debris and use metal gutters.
- Install hard surfaces, such as a concrete walkway, or use noncombustible mulch products, such as rock.
- Keep the lawn well irrigated and use low-growing herbaceous (non-woody) plants. Shrubs and trees are not recommended in the 5-foot zone.
- Remove dead vegetation and implement a maintenance strategy to keep the 5-foot zone clear of dead plant materials.
- Mitigating home ignition zones shouldn't stop at 5 feet from the building. It should be combined with the footprint of an attached deck and area that extends away from the building up to 100 feet or to the property line.



Figure 1 – Creating and maintaining home ignition zones (defensible space) around your property are proven ways to reduce risks of property damage during a wildfire, as tests at the IBHS Research Center have shown.



Figure 2a Experiments conducted at the IBHS Research Center to study the effectiveness of creating a noncombustible space around buildings.



Figure 2b Embers impacting a building: left side with combustible (wood) and the right with noncombustible (rock) mulch.

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Reduce the Vulnerability of Your Deck to Wildfire

MANY HOMES LOCATED IN WILDFIRE-PRONE AREAS HAVE ATTACHED DECKS, WHICH CAN POTENTIALLY SPREAD FIRE TO THE HOUSE WHEN IGNITED DURING A WILDFIRE.

A burning deck can ignite siding or break the glass in doors or windows, allowing fire to gain entry into the house. Consequently, making decks less vulnerable to wildfire also makes your house less vulnerable. Reducing the deck's vulnerability requires an approach that focuses on the materials and design features used to build the deck, and creating a noncombustible zone around and under the deck.

EMBER EXPOSURE AND IGNITION

Walking surfaces of decks are either solid surface or constructed using deck boards (with between board gaps). Solid surface decks are commonly light weight concrete or tile. Combustible deck board types include: solid wood and wood-plastic composites (these products are more widely used than noncombustible deck boards). Noncombustible deck board types include: metal and fiber cement.

Recent testing at the IBHS Research Center showed embers mostly lodge between deck board gaps and where deck boards rest on joists. Embers can accumulate and potentially ignite decking and combustible joists. Embers can also fall through board gaps and land on materials stored beneath the deck. It's critical to remove all combustible materials from the under-deck area to minimize the opportunity for ignitions; where resulting flames would impinge on the decking (some wood-plastic decking products are vulnerable to flaming exposures).

IBHS tests also showed that even without vegetative debris in between deck gaps, medium density softwood decking products, such as redwood or western redcedar are vulnerable to ember ignitions. Most wood-plastic composites, along with higher density tropical hardwood, and fire-retardant treated decking products are less vulnerable to embers. The vulnerability to embers in these locations is a reminder to remove debris that accumulates in these areas.

BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS

The International Wildland Urban Interface Building Code (IWUIC) and the California Building Code are the most commonly referenced construction codes for wildfire-prone areas; both include requirements that focus on the walking surfaces of decks. Noncombustible products are allowed by both codes.

The California Code provides provisions for accepting combustible decking products. These types of products are more commonly used by homeowners living in wildfire-prone areas across the country. Their requirement governs the amount of heat released when

combustible decking is ignited by a gas burner. This mimics burning debris that could be located under the deck, or burning vegetation impinging on the underside of the deck, but does not mimic ember exposure. Combustible decking products that comply with the California Code can be found at: http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licenseslisting_bml_searchcotest.

The IWUIC prohibits common combustible deck boards with the exception of fire-retardant treated decking (rated for outdoor exposure) and other materials

Photo Captions:

- A** Embers that pass through deck board gaps will land on the ground, or on combustible materials stored under the deck, as shown during this IBHS test.
- B** The near home noncombustible zone that surrounds the foundation should include a noncombustible area underneath the deck.
- C** Vegetative debris in between deck board gaps will make this location even more vulnerable to ember accumulation.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR DECK:

- 1** Combustible materials should not be stored beneath decks. This will effectively create a noncombustible zone under the entire footprint of the deck.
- 2** Routinely remove debris that accumulates in between deck board gaps and debris that can accumulate at the intersection between the deck and house.
- 3** If the deck is a non-fire-retardant treated softwood deck, consider removing and replacing deck boards within a few feet of the house. Be careful to match the deck board thickness.
- 4** When building new decks, select deck boards that comply with the California Building Code requirements. If using wood joists, cover the top and part of the sides with a foil-faced bitumen tape product.

that meet the requirements of an Ignition Resistant Material. However, as of this date, no other materials meet these requirements. The IWUIC allows an enclosed deck option that uses a horizontal construction attached to the bottom of the deck joists. This option should only be used with a solid surface deck. Using this option with deck boards (and the associated gaps), will cause moisture-related degradation problems (corrosion of fasteners and wood rot). Water from rain or melting snow will easily get into the enclosed space and will have a much harder time getting out.



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Windblown embers can enter attics and crawl spaces through vents.

INSTALLING THE RECOMMENDED MESH SCREENING AND ELIMINATING STORAGE IS CRITICAL TO REDUCING BUILDING IGNITIONS DURING A WILDFIRE.

VENTS IN ATTICS AND CRAWL SPACES

Attic and crawl space vents, and other openings on the vertical wall of a home, serve important functions, including providing ventilation to remove unwanted moisture from these typically unoccupied spaces and oxygen for gas appliances such as hot water heaters and furnaces. Wind-blown embers are the principal cause of building ignition and can readily enter these spaces, which are often hot and dry. Providing air for ventilation, while also keeping out embers can present a dilemma. Dry materials are more easily ignited by embers, so limiting the entry of embers into attic spaces is critical. Adding to the problem are the combustible materials we tend to store in these spaces (e.g., cardboard boxes, old clothes and other combustible materials) because embers accumulate against them and they can be easily ignited.

HOW VENTS FUNCTION

Ventilated attic spaces have openings in two locations. Inlet air comes from vents located in the under-eave area at the edge of your roof. Exiting air leaves through vents located on the roof or at the gable ends of your home. If your home is built over a crawl space, you will typically have vents on each face of your home to provide cross-ventilation. Experiments conducted at the IBHS Research Center demonstrated that regardless of whether a vent had an inlet or outlet function, when wind blows against its face, it is an inlet vent. Therefore, any vented opening on your home should be able to resist the entry of embers. Unvented attic and crawlspace designs are available for some areas of the country. These designs are more easily implemented with new construction. Check with local building code officials to see if this is an option where you live.

USE MESH SCREENING TO REDUCE EMBER ENTRY INTO VENTS

Building codes require vent openings to be covered by corrosion resistant metal screens, which are typically 1/4-inch to keep out rodents. However, research shows that embers can pass through 1/4-inch mesh and ignite combustible materials, particularly smaller materials such as saw dust. Embers also can enter smaller screening, such as 1/16-inch, but cannot easily ignite even the finer fuels; however, this size screening is more easily plugged with wind-blown debris and is easily painted over if you are not careful when re-painting your house. Installing 1/8-inch mesh screening is suggested in wildfire prone areas, as it effectively minimizes the entry of embers. It's important to note that 1/8-inch screening only minimizes the size and number of embers and does not eliminate them entirely; making it very important to reduce what's stored in the attic and crawl space.

BEST CHOICES FOR VENTS TO RESIST EMBER ENTRY:

1 For (under-eave) inlet vents, opt for a soffited eave design. IBHS research demonstrates that gable end vents and other vent openings are vulnerable to wind-blown embers when the face of the vent is perpendicular to the wind flow, while embers are less likely to pass through vents with a face that is parallel to the wind flow. Therefore, soffited eave construction is preferred to open eave.

2 For outlet vents, opt for a ridge that is rated to resist wind driven rain. These vents have an external baffle at the vent inlet. Vents that have been approved for use by the California Office of the State Fire Marshal.

3 Turbine vents also help keep embers out, but you should attach a piece of 1/8-inch mesh to the bottom of the roof sheathing at the opening for the vent.



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Material, Installation and Maintenance Choices

NONCOMBUSTIBLE FENCING PRODUCTS REDUCE POTENTIAL HOME IGNITIONS

Many wildfire educational programs, along with the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) recommend noncombustible fencing products when placed within five feet of a building. As a necessary component, fencing located within the zero to five-foot noncombustible zone should be constructed of noncombustible materials.

A noncombustible zone minimizes the likelihood of wind-blown embers igniting fine fuels (such as bark mulch) located close to the building. Ember-ignited mulch can result in a radiant heat and/or flaming exposure to the building's exterior. Using noncombustible fencing where it attaches to the building reduces the opportunity of a burning fence igniting the exterior of the structure. Fencing products are often available in eight-foot pieces and use of that full section of noncombustible material is recommended. Observations made during the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire in Colorado Springs, CO provided evidence that burning fencing generates embers that can result in additional ignitions down-wind.

PERIMETER FENCING

When neighboring buildings are located within 20 feet of each other, use of steel fencing for the perimeter area can serve as a radiant barrier, providing added protection should a neighboring building ignite and burn. Research in Australia demonstrated the ability of panelized steel fencing to resist a radiant heat exposure.

RESEARCH FINDINGS TO HELP AVOID FENCE IGNITIONS

Recent research conducted by IBHS and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), both independently and in a collaborative project, provided additional information about the vulnerability of combustible fencing.

Photo Captions:

- A** Flame spread to the building when combustible debris was at the base of the fence.
- B** Gates made from noncombustible materials should be used where a fence is attached to the home. Source: University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources
- C** Ignition from ember accumulation at the intersection of the vertical planks and horizontal support member.

RESEARCH FINDINGS:

- 1** Use a noncombustible fence section when it's attached to a building.
- 2** The area at the base of the fence should be kept clear of debris. Flame spread to the building will be more likely if fine vegetative fuels (e.g., pine needles, leaf litter and small twigs) have accumulated. Avoid placement of combustible mulch near the fence.
- 3** A fence design that allows for greater air flow, such as a single panel lattice fence, makes it more difficult for wind-blown embers to accumulate at plank, or lattice panel to horizontal support locations. If an ignition occurs, it's also more difficult for lateral flame spread to occur in the fencing material. Fence ignitions from wind-blown embers are more likely to occur at locations where vertical fencing planks attach to horizontal support members. The most vulnerable fencing from this perspective is a "privacy" fence, where the fence planks are on the same side as the horizontal support members.
- 4** A fence built from lattice that's applied to both sides of the support posts may be desired for privacy or other landscaping purposes, but should be avoided in wildfire-prone areas. Recent research at NIST has demonstrated that fire growth and lateral flame spread are much greater in this design style.
- 5** Vinyl fencing is not vulnerable to ember exposures alone, but did burn when subjected to flaming exposures from burning debris. Vinyl fencing will deform if subjected to radiant heat.



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Denis Weil, Glenshire Resident

Newly retired Denis Weil, along with his wife Barbara, are recent transplants to Truckee and Glenshire. Having retired from a long career in sales and marketing within the wine and food industry,

Denis moved to Glenshire for the cooler temperatures and proximity to skiing. Denis is a friendly, affable person with a passion for tennis. Upon relocating, he immediately became involved in organizing the Glenshire tennis community. What started as a post on Nextdoor looking for interested players quickly became a Glenshire tennis group with an email list of 90 interested players. Tennis players gather each Thursday and Saturday morning at the local courts for doubles, and round-robin play. He also organizes a Sunday potluck social on the first Sunday of each month.

Denis has a take-charge attitude when he sees a need. Not only has he organized a tennis group, but he has also pulled together a group of volunteers to remove the nets and screens at the end of the season before the snow and properly store them to reinstall in the spring. When the GDRA was short-staffed, Denis did

not hesitate to step up. As a part-time employee, he can also be found using his experience in the trades to improve things around the Clubhouse. Denis has built or remodeled seven homes in his life, so managing projects and taking charge seems natural. The residents of Glenshire are fortunate to have this new resident helping out with the upkeep of our tennis courts and Clubhouse area.

For Denis and Barbara, living in Glenshire is like being on vacation every day. The open meadow and nature along with amenities like tennis and swimming make it a “vacation hideaway” that they can share with their two daughters and four grandchildren. They love the neighborhood of friendly full-time residents.

Find out more about the active, fun, social tennis group at Glenshire by contacting Denis Weil at dweil@comcast.net or 925.890.9127.



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What Constitutes Extreme Fire Weather?

A PSPS is reserved for times when fire weather conditions are at their most extreme, and de-energizing a portion of the electrical grid is the prudent decision to best protect our customers, communities, and the environment.

Many of the same factors that are used by fire agencies to determine a Red Flag warning are also considered when determining if weather conditions warrant a PSPS. Liberty has deployed weather stations throughout the service area and collaborates with a fire and weather scientific consultant, the National Weather Service in Reno, Nevada, and local fire officials to monitor real-time local weather conditions to evaluate when to activate a PSPS.

No single factor will drive a PSPS. A combination of factors reaching or exceeding set limits drives whether a PSPS will be initiated. Some of these factors include:

- Low Humidity Levels – Potential fuels are more likely to ignite when there is a lower amount of water vapor in the air.
- Forecast Sustained Winds and Gusts – High winds can result in several factors that may cause a fire to ignite. Sustained winds can also cause the fire to spread and even throw embers into the air and create additional fires.
- Dry Fuel Conditions – Trees and other vegetation act as fuel for wildfires. Fuels with low moisture levels ignite easily and spread rapidly, as no heat energy is wasted trying to drive water out of the fuel.
- Red Flag Warnings – The National Weather Service issues these warnings to alert of the onset, or possible onset, of critical weather or dry conditions that would lead to swift increases in wildfire activity.

How Will We Know If A PSPS Is Activated?

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In addition to direct PSPS notifications and updates, Liberty will post outage information at www.libertyutilities.com, as well as on Facebook (@LibertyUtilitiesLT) and Twitter (@LibertyUtil_CA).

Knowing if a PSPS event is coming, how long it will last, and whom it will affect is an important first step to being prepared for and staying safe and comfortable should a PSPS event occur.

How do I Prepare?

Once you have confirmed your contact information is current, PSPS preparation is not much different from any power outage preparation. Customers should consider the following, so that their homes, businesses, and families are prepared:

- Plan for medical needs that may be impacted by a power shutoff, including medications that need refrigeration or devices that require power. Be sure to register any medical-related energy needs at 1.800.782.2506.

- Create an emergency kit, including flashlights, batteries, first aid supplies and maps of the local area. For additional emergency kit necessities, consult Ready.gov.
- Store non-perishable foods and water to support your family and pets for a minimum of 48 hours.
- Keep a full tank of gas or a fully charged battery for your vehicle, as gas and charging stations may be affected by a power outage
- Keep cash available, as ATMs and credit card machines may be unavailable during a power outage.
- Be sure phones and other critical electronic devices are charged, and consider investing in a backup battery or power source, potentially one that can recharge with solar.

Liberty’s top priority is the safety of customers and our communities, and we take precautions to keep our beautiful region safe from the risk of wildfire. To learn more public safety power shutoffs, visit our website at www.libertyutilities.com or click this QR code.



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Exterior Improvements need to go through the Design Review Committee approval process



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For exterior painting please mail or place in clubhouse drop box your exterior paint samples, property address and contact info. For any exterior replacements and tree removals please email information and property address to info@glenshiredevonshire.com. GDRA staff will normally provide approval status within 7-10 business days.
NOTE: Exterior paint colors should be soft (not bright) earth

tones, and may not be solid black, white, red, yellow, or blue, except in use of trim (white discouraged). Garage doors must be painted to match or compliment house color. Staff may require review by the Design Review Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Building a shed, fence, garage, home addition or removing a tree, etc.?

Exterior Improvements, such as but not limited to, sheds, fences, garages, additions and most tree removals need to go through the Design Review Committee (DRC) approval process. Details for the DRC process, including fee schedule, can be found in Resource Center tab at www.glenshiredevonshire.com. The DRC meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7am.

Property improvements are greatly appreciated! Please note: Unapproved improvements may be subject to fines.
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Volunteers add willows to the stream restoration project at Martis Wildlife Area during Truckee River Day 2021. Photo: Anne Braun.

TRUCKEE RIVER DAY

Giving Back At Truckee River Day – October 16, 2022

There is a little, yet mighty, gem that flows through our town, sparkles like a jewel in the summer, and hosts puffs of pure white snow on her banks in the winter. In the busiest of summer months, Lake Tahoe fills with boats, tourists, beach parties, and live music. When we

need a break, Truckee locals find respite in the quiet gifts of the Truckee River. She brings us peace in a loud world, gentle fun in a spastic summer, quiet reprieve in a chaotic world.

The Truckee River isn't just part of an important watershed. She's part of all of us: the wildflowers and wildlife, birds and birders, fish and fishers, nature and nature-lovers. She provides a sanctuary for coyote willow, Sierra gooseberry, desert peach, western scrub jay, northern rubber boa, and hundreds more.

Her offerings are never-ending, and without help, she will have nothing left to give. The Truckee River suffers from 150 years of human use that includes mining, railroads, dams, stream diversion, cattle grazing, and logging. As a result, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rated our river as polluted. Too much

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sediment entering the river, caused by erosion and runoff, has a negative impact on people, native wildlife, and habitats.

Isn't it our duty to return her favors and care for her as she cares for so many?

Join the community on October 16, 2022 for the Truckee River Watershed Council's annual Truckee River Day. Whether you've recently moved to the area, you're a long time local, you have a family, or you ride solo, Truckee River Day welcomes you and the gifts you'll give back and help restore this important watershed.

"If you love this community, cherish the river and its surroundings, are concerned about the health of the river ecosystem and want to learn new things, then you will love this event." - Robie Litchfield, a Truckee River Day volunteer since its inception in 1995.

It's through the hard work of volunteers that impacted areas are being restored and revived on Truckee River Day. Several projects throughout the watershed include planting native vegetation and seeds to help stabilize eroding streambanks and loose soil. In Coldstream Canyon, volunteers will plant willow stakes and transplant sod plugs alongside staff from Donner Memorial State Park at a wetland enhancement project. In Boca Meadows, volunteers will work with the US Forest Service to spread native seed and natural mulch to help meadow restoration. Near Sawtooth, volunteers and our partners from the Sugar Pine Foundation will plant a diverse range of native trees such as Jeffrey Pine and Sugar Pine to improve forest health. If you've never gotten your hands dirty planting trees, this is an experience you won't soon forget. Be a part of the team that will allow future

generations to experience the magic and beauty of the Sierra and the Truckee Watershed.

"The best part of Truckee River Day is working alongside all ages of people who are enthusiastic about restoring and protecting the watershed we live in. I especially enjoy watching the kids doing their part." - Gayle Dana, long-time Truckee River Day volunteer.

Sign Up For Truckee River Day

Hands in the Dirt, Boots in the Water! Volunteers can pick from a variety of restoration projects that are located throughout the watershed. There are many projects including planting trees as part of the Johnson Canyon or Coldstream Canyon restoration projects near Truckee or stream restoration in Olympic Valley. All ages and skill levels are encouraged. Kids love planting trees and teens might enjoy building willow

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bundles. Active folk will enjoy building boardwalks and those that would like to spare their backs might prefer spreading seeds and mulch. Registration opens in mid-September and volunteers will have the opportunity to express their preferences based on interest and skill level and to register as a group. Projects start at 9am or 11am and end at approximately 2:30pm.

<https://www.truckeeriverwc.org/get-involved/truckee-river-day/>

Celebrate at the River Fair!

The River Fair is a fun celebration of the river at Granite Flat Campground (one mile south of Truckee on HWY 89) that takes place from 1- 4pm. It doesn't matter whether you volunteered or not – the community is invited to participate in fun environmental educational activities, listen to live music, and enjoy delicious food.

Can't Make It To Truckee River Day This Year? Try These!

Attend a River Talk

Join us for a short, informational talk about past and present threats to the Truckee River and how you can help restore and protect it. You will learn about impacts to the watershed, hear about the work of the Watershed Council to reverse these impacts and protect the Truckee River into the future, get a virtual tour of our restoration projects, meet fellow river-lovers, and become part of the solution.

<https://www.truckeeriverwc.org/get-involved/river-talks/>

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If you have an interest in biology and chemistry or are raising a budding scientist, get trained by The Watershed Council and start collecting and analyzing water samples. Find out more about the biology and chemistry programs at [truckeeriverwc.org](https://www.truckeeriverwc.org/get-involved/adopt-a-stream/).

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We can offer our dumpster to Members if there is room. Please contact us **24 hours in advance at info@glenshiredevonshire.com** to schedule. **Wednesdays are preferred.** All bags must be tightly tied and no cardboard allowed please.

Lake Trail Fundraising Campaign

Thank you to those who have donated funds toward the lake trail! To make a donation, mail to: Glenshire Lake Trail Project, in care of the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation, P.O. Box 366, Truckee, CA 96161 or visit glenshiredevonshire.com to donate online. Many upgrades and drainage revisions are being planned. Contact the GDRA offices to be on the Lake Trail Committee.

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Community Yoga In Glenshire

Fall Yoga Outdoors or in the Clubhouse Thursdays 9-10 am.

Contact Amy for location. When cooler weather arrives (late fall/winter) Yoga will be inside the Clubhouse.

Drop-in (\$12) or punch card (\$50/5-pack). Contact Amy Renn of Terra Firma Fitness, Massage & Yoga at 209.662.4146 for more information.

**There may be schedule changes for holiday breaks or unforeseen circumstances. If you are new to the class, please reach out to Amy to confirm the schedule.*

We're on Facebook

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Non-profit Event Information Welcome

If you are involved with a Truckee non-profit holding an event you would like your neighbors to know about, please submit to Glenshire Assoc at info@glenshiredevonshire.com and we will publish brief information (no ads) in the appropriate Shire. Submit By: April 8, 2022 for May 2022 Edition.

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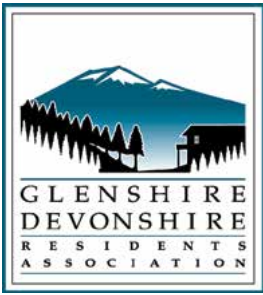
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