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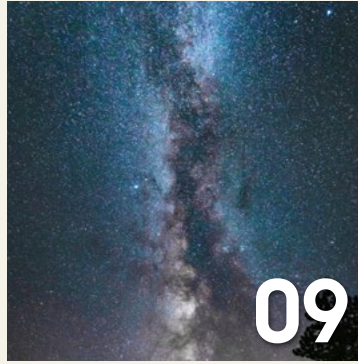
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February 21 May 15
March 20 June 19
April 17 July 17

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Design Review Committee (DRC) meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of most months, and 2nd Tuesdays of December - March at 7:30am (subject to change). DRC meetings will be canceled if no items are on the agenda 10 days in advance of the meeting.

Features



PRESERVING TRUCKEE'S DARK SKIES

The stars really do shine brighter in Truckee, but only if we all do our part to preserve the dark skies above.



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GLENSHIRE BEARS

While the bears are sleeping let's talk about how to better understand these large neighbors so that everyone can be prepared when they wake up and begin their obsessive search for something to eat.

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I'd like to start my first of these communications with my huge appreciation, both personally and as a Board member, of the efforts and perspectives of the former and current Board members and officers, and all of the many other volunteers who have helped in so many ways. Their efforts, good humor, and diverse abilities and viewpoints have provided a lot of added motivation for me to continue to participate in association decision making. If I can be half as good of a meeting chairperson as Claudia Hanson was, I'll feel like I've learned a lot.

Our governing documents election period is still extended, but is in fact planned to be ended on February 15, 2024 (ballot due date), and ballots being counted during the February 21, 2024 regular Board meeting. So PLEASE if you have not voted – either way – we and your neighbors need your vote. If you need a new ballot or have questions on the proposed governing documents, please contact us or stop by during office drop-in hours for a replacement. (See middle of this Shire for more information)

It's been a really eventful year for GDRA facilities, in both visible and unobvious ways. We've completed major repairs and upgrades to pool facilities and the downstairs part of the Clubhouse. Lori Kelley has done an incredible job keeping these complex contracts moving forward while working to hire replacement staff (successfully!) and all the while keeping the overall association administration going. We've recently toured the lake trail with a possible contractor for repairs and drainage upgrades to protect habitat and remedy some sections that are muddy in springtime. It's the most heavily used of all GDRA amenities, and merits a level of maintenance and improvement commensurate with that.

I urge everyone to read and consider the article on bears, generously provided by the BEAR League. It's a real privilege and source of joy to share our community space with a wide diversity of wildlife and native plants, but let's not share our food with the bears, intentionally or otherwise. There is no such thing as relocation of a bear that becomes habituated to getting its food from around our houses; one way or another, a fed bear is a dead bear, and we love our bears! Don't allow them to get food supplements from your home, whether that's

garbage, pet food, bird seed feeders, grills with heavy accumulation of grease, or from vehicles or structures.

The Glenshire community has done spectacular work maintaining and improving defensible space around our houses and sheds, which will make it a lot easier for us all to comply with guidelines for Zone O, the first 5 feet from your outer walls, recently codified into state law as an area that must be devoid of fuel. But like everything, there's more to do, especially for the many of us (including myself) whose houses and sheds were constructed to obsolete codes and are not resistant to ember entry. High priorities for the coming year include working with Town staff and updating our association Rules to help make it procedurally as easy as possible for Members to make relatively low cost Home Hardening and Zone Zero upgrades. Some Measure T funding will be available for home hardening, and if the crazy popularity of the green waste dumpster rebates is any indication, it will go fast. We all pay for it, so let's take advantage and maximize our community fire resistance well ahead of the fire season.

Thanks again to everyone who makes this such a great place to live. I moved here 28 years ago for the mountain recreation, but really it's the community that makes it a home. Take care in winter driving, cycling, and recreation. Enjoy the new year!



Adrian Juncosa,
GDRA Board President





Know Your Neighbor

JENNIFER BOEHM BY SHEILA GREENO

Jennifer and husband Don settled in Truckee in 2000, finding their home in Glenshire where they established roots and raised their two children. Being native Northern Californians, choosing Truckee was a natural decision for them, drawn in by nature and small town feel.

Jennifer has a love for gardening which developed into an active role as a volunteer and board member for Slow Foods Lake Tahoe. Her journey began with a curiosity about high-altitude gardening techniques which drew her into volunteering at the Food Bank garden. She loves the work and being involved in the entire growing process. From soil enrichment to planting and harvesting, she says there is always something to learn. She is continually amazed by bountiful yields at the garden which last year reached approximately 700 lbs. After all the hard work, the true fulfillment lies in the ability to share these efforts within the community.

Jennifer advocates that everyone deserves access to wholesome, nourishing food, a belief that fuels her commitment to Slow Foods Lake Tahoe's mission.

This strong ethos also has led Jennifer to generously give her time by serving as a driver for Meals on Wheels and delivering wholesome food to those in need.

Don, Jennifer's husband, is also involved in helping our Glenshire community. He held a board position for years with the Glenshire/Devonshire Residents' Association. Currently, he's part of a volunteer group managing dog waste containers around the pond. See more in the "Volunteer Spotlights".

The couple expresses gratitude for being part of the Glenshire community. Living close to the pond allows them to enjoy the seasonal presence of migratory birds, particularly during last summer's remarkable eagle and osprey visitations.

Their gratitude is further amplified by having their daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren, living just three doors down. Jennifer enjoys participating in yoga sessions at the clubhouse, walking the pond trail with her dog and riding the Legacy trail into town. She likes to see the freedom of Glenshire's children as they are able to safely use trails to walk to school, visit the pool, and enjoy an ice cream at the General Store.

The "Know Your Neighbor" column is written to highlight residents who are doing good deeds in the community and are part of what makes Glenshire & Truckee a great place to live. If you know of someone who could be highlighted for the next issue, please contact the author at sheila@qasservice.com.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

Greetings! At the time of writing this, we just got 4-12 inches of snow here in Glenshire, depending on what area your property is located in. I'm hoping we have a significant increase in snow accumulation by the time this Shire comes out in early February! As we settle into 2024, I thought I'd provide "A Look Back at 2023 in the Shire".

2023 EPIC WINTER

What an amazing snowy winter! Staff spent a good amount of time in January through mid-spring removing snow. We sprung some leaks at the pool and bath. Significant repairs were made, allowing us to maintain normal operations. Also, many residents had to remove large amounts of snow from their roofs and make fence and other repairs. Please note: There is a no-fee design review application process for replacement of fences, roofs, etc. due to weather damage.

After our fish die-off incident in the pond, we consulted a few experts who performed extensive water quality testing. Local experts found that some locations in the

pond had uniquely low dissolved oxygen (DO) levels. These experts were nearly certain that the low DO levels were a natural seasonal phenomenon. This is most likely exacerbated by the unusual amount and duration of precipitation and snowpack this past winter. It turns out this also occurred at Lake Davis, and Lake Tahoe flipped as well. Many wildlife pattern changes were observed, along with an abundance of bees and wildflower blooms!

2023 GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ELECTION EXTENDED

As most are aware, this election was initially scheduled for 8/2023. However, we did not receive enough votes to hold the election. As Adrian points out in the President's Message, I would also like to reiterate the importance of voting on the proposed Governing Documents. This is YOUR neighborhood, and we need to hear from you, whether a YES or NO vote. These proposed documents have been reviewed by various GDRA Members over the past 4+ years along, and open forums were held where Members suggested revisions. We have heard that some Members have not had time to review the proposed documents, may need some clarification, or misplaced their ballot. Please contact the office so we can connect you with someone to help with your questions or provide a new ballot (if you still need to vote). Per our Inspector of Elections and other HOAs, it is common for governing document elections to be extended a few times over the course of a year due to the 51% votes required. **This is now our 3rd extension, and the extended due date to receive ballots is 2/15/2024. We hope to receive an ample amount of ballots by then to hold the planned 2/21/2024 election and drawing for 20 \$100 gift cards. All members who have returned their ballots by February 15th are eligible to win.**

2023 FIRE SAFETY

In December, the Greater Glenshire/Devonshire Region received FireWise Community designation renewal for another year! Members can find this certificate on our website or by scanning the QR code below.

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the summer and fall of 2023. Thank you to all Members for performing defensible space on your property.

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2023 CLASSES AND RENTALS

New classes were introduced in 2023: Kids’ Art, Kids’ Tennis and Adult Ukulele and Guitar classes were all popular. I believe 2023 had the highest amount of clubhouse rentals I’ve seen, including two weddings.

2023 NEW STAFF

After a prolonged staffing shortage, we were very excited to hire three new year-round staff members in 2023! Dylan is full-time in Community Standards and Maintenance, and Jessica and Maygan are part-time in administration. The Clubhouse and Grounds look great, and we are operating more efficiently. We also had a fantastic pool staff team, and everyone did an excellent job!

2023 BOARD MEMBERS

Terms ended for three of our Board Members in October 2023: Claudia Hanson, Kathleen Raber and Julia Collins. We are thankful for all of their time and efforts. We will miss them! We now have three new Board Members effective 10/19/2023: Anna Grahn-Nilsson, Kenneth Hoedeman, and Lisa Williams. Adrian Juncosa and Miriam Rack remain. However, Miriam regretfully announced that she needs to step down from her position in February 2024 before her term ends in

October 2024. We are thankful for all of her time and efforts; she too will be missed!

2023 FACILITIES

After a long period of contractor postponements the wading pool remodel was completed, the clubhouse was stained, the boardwalks were stained, pool equipment replacement and improvements were made, and irrigation was repaired along with sprucing up the grounds and clubhouse. Many clubhouse upgrades occurred in the first half of 2023.

THINGS TO EXPECT IN 2024

- Appoint one new Board Member in February 2024. (If you are interested in serving on the GDRA Board, email lori@glenshiredevonshire.com)
- Governing Documents Election
- Member Survey
- Many reserve replacement projects
- Rules revisions
- Enjoyment of the Amenities
- Enhancing our Dark Sky outreach, along with the Town

Wishing everyone a terrific 2024! Take good care.



Lori Kelley,
GDRA Manager



**NEED
ANOTHER
SUGAR
RUSH?**

Join us on Thursday, February 22 for our next Big Life Connections event and networking mixer – snow tubing at Sugar Rush, Sugar Bowl's super fun tubing park. Enjoy sliding down 10 tubing lanes, snowplay for the little ones, and socializing with your friends and neighbors around the fire pit.

Learn more at:
Truckee.com/BigLifeConnections

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GDRA Vegetation Management Director, Bill Houdyschell

I would like to give a huge shout-out to Bill Houdyschell, who has been a registered professional forester (RPF) with the State of California for decades.

Bill has made a great impact by improving Fire Safety in the Glenshire/Devonshire Community. He is highly regarded in the Truckee Tahoe region, known as a "go-to"

forester for his knowledge and experience in a wide range of fire safety matters, and more.


In Bill's first two years with GDRA, he updated our common areas fuel reduction draft plan, managed fuels reduction projects on two of our large common area parcels, trained new staff on defensible space inspections, supervised over 300 defensible space inspections, joined our FireWise Committee and performed many tree removal request inspections.

Going into his third year here, Bill has expanded his efforts toward community fire safety. He initiated a grant to cover his time to assess common area fire safety needs and create a long-term fuels management plan for our expanded FireWise Community, which includes

five adjacent communities. This grant was awarded in 2023 and creates a significant impact on fire safety in the eastern Truckee region. Bill has also become the Greater Glenshire FireWise Community liaison with Truckee Fire, Cal Fire, and the Eastern Regional Firewise Coalition, which encompasses fire safety outreach and information. He brought home-hardening materials to our Annual Member and Wildfire Safety meeting in October. These materials are at the clubhouse for Members to review; just call the office.

Bill is knowledgeable, resourceful, a driving force, and genuinely dedicated. We are so fortunate to have Bill onboard, looking out for fire safety in our community and surrounding areas. -Lori Kelley

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Preserving Truckee's Dark Skies

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The stars really do shine brighter in Truckee, but only if we all do our part to preserve the dark skies above. Light pollution doesn't just hide the stars at night. It creates negative impacts on human health and the environment.

An international effort dedicated to restoring our natural nighttime environment allowing the stars to shine

brightly has been embraced by the Town of Truckee. Last fall, the Town created Dark Skies stickers and partnered with Tahoe Adventure Company on two full moon hikes near Donner Summit. The hikes showed participants just how bright the night sky can be when you're away from all the lights in town. The next International Dark Sky Week will be held April 8-15, 2024 and the Town of Truckee will be planning programming to coincide with the event.

Why do we need dark skies? Light pollution disrupts the natural ecosystems of plants, animals and insects. Birds need starry skies to navigate during their migration. Animals need the dark to hide from predators at night. Insect populations can be heavily impacted by artificial light. Their fatal attraction to nighttime light can impact the entire ecosystem. Humans also need darkness at night to stay healthy. Artificial light exposure at night disrupts sleep patterns, can lead to impaired daytime function and obesity.

So, what can we do about it? Turn off your lights at night. Outdoor lighting is the primary culprit. Make sure your outdoor lights are off by 10pm, and turn off your indoor lights if you're not using them. You can also make your outdoor lighting more dark skies friendly by positioning the light beam downward and adding motion sensors. You will not only be helping your own health and the health of the environment, but you'll also be saving some money. Researchers estimate that 30% of outdoor lighting in the U.S. is wasted by lights that aren't shielded, costing consumers \$3.3 Billion in excess energy charges.

More program details from the Town of Truckee are still to come. To learn more about the Dark Sky movement, visit www.darksky.org. -Courtesy of the Town of Truckee



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TART Connect

A GROWTH AND SUCCESS STORY

As many of you may know, TART Connect is the free-to-ride microtransit service launched by the Town of Truckee in June 2022. The initial pilot programs aimed to gauge the community's interest in this program and identify all the operational logistics that made sense for our ridership: where it should operate, hours and days that met people's needs, and how many vehicles to run. The initial summer pilot, funded in part by Tahoe Donner and Glenshire TSSA funds, operated with seven vans in Tahoe Donner, Glenshire, along Brockway Road to the Truckee-Tahoe Airport, and along the main corridor through town from 10am. to 10pm. During the initial pilot, ridership averaged about 280 passengers daily, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The main complaint was that it was not serving all neighborhoods. The winter pilot operated in the same areas, adding Alder Creek

Middle School and West River Street, extending service hours to 8am to 10pm using just five vans. Staff quickly realized that the demand was exceeding the capacity of the service, and wait times were often over an hour. Ridership over the winter averaged about 308 passengers per day, and we continued to hear from the community that they wanted the service to be town-wide.

Due to the success of the initial pilots and the significant feedback appealing for extended service areas, the Truckee Town Council approved an extension through the spring that would operate throughout the town limits and with the extended hours placed in winter. At this time, the Council also approved substantial General Funds for microtransit, allowing for a year-long pilot to cover all Truckee areas using more vehicles to meet service demand.

The year-long pilot program they approved began July 1, 2023, with the service operating from 6:30am till midnight during the summer and winter seasons, with a maximum of 9 vans in service. The fall and spring service schedule was planned to operate from 6:30am to 10pm with the ability to adjust the number of vans according to demand. Summer ridership averaged 493 passengers per day, totaling over 34,000 passengers, with an average wait time of only 22 minutes. Fall ridership averaged 408 passengers daily, totaling over 40,000 passengers, with wait times averaging about 26 minutes. So far in the winter season, ridership has averaged about 635 passengers per day, with wait times around 26 minutes.

Truckee's TART transit system is on track to serve over 200,000 passengers this year, an increase of 500% from two years ago, before the introduction of TART Connect!

TART Connect has continuously broken new records, and it's all thanks to our community. The immediate support and enthusiasm for TART Connect was far beyond what was expected, and the demand continues to grow. As we continue to navigate challenges around traffic congestion, the Town is proud of TART Connect's success in its pilot phases and looks forward to seeing how it continues to grow and help with mitigation efforts in the future.

*-Bronwyn Roberts
& Danielle LaPointe,
Town of Truckee*





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There are 3 new Board Members serving the community effective October 19, 2023. Adrian and Miriam remain in the second year of their current term.

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Miriam Rack, Treasurer
Lisa Williams, Director at Large

Want to send a message to the Board? Please email board@glenshiredevonshire.com

We are seeking Board Candidates to fill one position, as Miriam Rack needs to vacate her position eight months early effective February 21, 2024.

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It is common for HOA membership votes to extend for a year - or sometimes longer - in order to get sufficient votes for an election. Let's not be one of them! Only half the membership has voted and we need hundreds more ballots returned in order to conclude the election. **If you have already voted, THANK YOU!** Please encourage your neighbors and friends to join you.



What's holding you back from voting?



Feeling content with the "status quo"?

Make sure you understand what the **CURRENT** CC&R's say - you may not like what they contain. If you have yet to have an issue with the CC&R's, that does not mean that you won't get a new neighbor - or a new issue will pop up - where these will directly effect you.



Overwhelmed by the depth of the documents and can't vote until you understand them...but don't have time?

Change summary documents and answers to frequently asked questions are on our website. Scan the QR code above for direct access. We also have 10 different community members who are ready to discuss the current *and* proposed CC&Rs and give you an unbiased analysis. Just reach out to the office to ask for someone to contact you.

Lastly, many of your neighbors and friends have voted - ask them what they think!



"What's the point? The rules aren't always enforced anyhow."

The Board has increasingly received requests from members that they would like to see a more proactive approach to enforcement. If the current or a future board decides to more actively seek violations it is vital that the CC&Rs (whether current or proposed) reflect the desires of the majority of the community, as closely as possible.



Lost your ballot and waiting to unearth it from that pile on your desk?

Contact the office today to get a replacement ballot!

Remember!

All members who have returned their ballots by February 15 will be entered into a drawing for one of **20 \$100 Visa gift cards!**

Contact Us



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WHAT DOES A GOVERNING DOCUMENTS "YES" OR "NO" VOTE MEAN FOR...

BUSINESSES

Yes Vote: Section 4.3 allows business activities to be conducted from owners' homes if it is compatible with the nature and character of the Development and does not negatively impact the quality of life or property values within the Development and does not constitute a nuisance.

No Vote: Section 8.07 of current CC&Rs requires owners to first get approval from the Board to conduct any business activities within a property. The business must also be compatible with residential use and not have exterior signage or create customer traffic within the properties, or cause unusual noise or odors.

STRs (Leases 30 Days or Less)

Yes Vote: Owners who take title to their Lots after the Effective Date of the proposed CC&Rs can lease their home for periods of 30 days or less only if they are legally and in fact "Primary Residents".

No Vote: Future owners will also be allowed to rent their home for a period less than 30 days regardless of Primary Residency status.

Either vote allows for current owners to continue to lease their home for a period less than 30 days as per California State law.

CHICKENS

Yes Vote: Section 4.28.3 Allows property owners to have chickens on their property with conditions of not constituting a nuisance, and complying with municipal, state and other government regulations.

No Vote: Section 8.05(a) Does not allow chickens. Anyone currently raising chickens on their property is subject to enforcement.

PARKING OF RVs/NON-COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Yes Vote: Section 4.26.1 does not have restrictions on non-commercial vehicles provided they are parked upon a surface improved in accordance with Architectural Rules.

No Vote: The current CC&Rs do not have size restrictions on vehicles.

Either vote allows, as per CA state law, the Board to define further restrictions in the Association Rules including number of vehicles permitted and sizes of the vehicles. However, a "Yes" vote, would prohibit the Board from disallowing RVs and other non-commercial vehicles altogether.

PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Yes Vote: Section 4.26.6 only allows commercial vehicles over 26,000 GVWR and their trailers if they are parked within a fully enclosed garage or screened. Commercial vehicles that are 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating ("GVWR") or less may be parked on Owner's Lots only if they are parked upon a surface improved in accordance with Architectural Rules.

No Vote: Current Section 8.01(g) only requires "small tractors and other machinery or equipment" to be stored in a garage or carport or in an area screened from view from neighboring lots or from adjacent streets. This was also carried forward in the newly proposed CC&Rs in section 4.11.

Please Note: This is intended to be a helpful guide to some frequently asked questions and does not replace a thorough review of each of the documents. Please reach out if you would like to discuss.





Glenshire/Devonshire
Firewise Community
5th Year In Review

We did it once again, Community Members! Another successful year as a “FireWise Designated Community.” We couldn’t have done it without YOU!

The Glenshire/Devonshire Association is proud to announce that with the help of Community Members performing defensible space and fire safety and logging this information onto our website, our FireWise Designation has been renewed for another year through the end of 2024! And, by exceeding the defensible space quotas, the following eastern Truckee communities are officially included in the Greater Glenshire FireWise Community national recognition:

- Buckhorn Ridge
- Cambridge Estates
- Elkhorn Ridge
- Sierra Bluffs
- The Meadows

Need a copy of our FireWise Community Designation Certificate for your insurance company?

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We want to thank our community members for doing such a great job in handling defensible space work on their properties and for volunteering to help with neighbor and GDRA common areas.

Thank you Greater Glenshire Community for logging in your 2023 Defensible Space information!



Hopefully, you were able to utilize the Truckee Fire sponsored 6-yard green dumpster rebate and/or green waste curbside pick-up program or the Fire Safe Council sponsored green waste days at Truckee Rodeo grounds. We also hope you were able to join the Wildfire Prevention Workshop at our Annual Membership meeting in October.

Our FireWise designation has and continues to benefit our Community in many ways:

- Grant funding opportunities for fuel reduction work in our common areas
- Possible reduced rates on homeowner insurance
- Important ongoing fire safe education
- Community relationships and a more engaged and safer community
- Successful Wildfire Preparedness workshops

We are seeking FireWise Committee Volunteers to help with outreach and events! Please email lori@glenshiredevonshire.com if you are interested. Thank you!

Exciting News: Greater Glenshire FireWise Community is part of the recently formed “Eastern Regional Firewise Coalition” and will meet regularly to increase fire safety in our region.

Great Thanks To All
Community Members, Volunteers, Truckee Fire, and the Nevada County Fire Safe Council!

For more information about FireWise Community Designation, please visit www.nfpa.org.
-Lori Kelley



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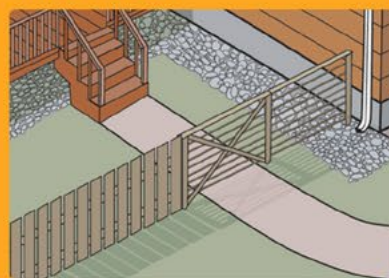
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Thank You Glenshire/Devonshire Volunteers!

We would like to give a shout out to all of our Members who volunteered in 2023, offering countless hours to improve our community and environment. More than attending meetings, these volunteers have helped with important functions such as the process of researching, reviewing and providing suggested edits to our CC&Rs, reviewing and advising design review applications, preparing Firewise events, wildfire preparedness research, providing articles and photos for our Shire newsletter, monitoring pond water levels and last but not least, monitoring the dog stations and picking up dog waste around the Lake Trail and community! It takes a Village. Thank you!

Below listed are GDRA Members that volunteered in 2023, some for many years or months!

DAN ANDERSON
TOM BALLISTER
JENNIFER BLOOMFIELD
DON & JENNIFER BOEHM
RON BOEHM
MARY-ANNE CARLEY
JULIA COLLINS
ROCCO COPPOLO
DENNIS & LESLIE DUGGER
JIM GARRISON
SHEILA GREENO
DARREN HALL
CLAUDIA HANSON
HANNAH JOYCE
JOAN JURADO-BLANCO
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BARBARA SUTHERLAND
BENJAMIN VAN BLARIGAN
BARBARA WEIL
DENIS WEIL
STEFAN YOUNGREN

Below is a list of committees where Members can get involved. If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact lori@glenshiredevonshire.com.

Design Review Committee
Firewise Committee
Lake/Trail Committee
Outreach Committee

A Sincere Thanks to all of our Volunteers, including our Board of Directors. -Lori Kelley

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Don Boehm

Long time GDRA resident Don Boehm has been volunteering for the Association for many years, including serving on the Glenshire/Devonshire Association Board during the development, planning and reconstruction of the new pool and accompanying structure. He is one of the main volunteers that has handled our Lake Trail dog waste stations for over five years now, and also pitches in to help with "Sheila's" station when needed.

Further, Don is always keeping an eye out around the Lake Trail and association grounds, especially when we were short staffed in the maintenance department. He helped retrieve fish from the pond during the phenomenal winter, cut tree limbs around the trail, brought to our attention a couple leaks over the year, etc. He is always offering to help!



Sheila Greeno

Long time GDRA resident Sheila Greeno has also been volunteering for the Association for many years now. She initiated her own dog waste station on the Lake Trail in 2018, and created a sign that was thoughtfully worded and visually compatible for our environment. She has handled this station for over 5 years. She also pitches in to help with the other stations when needed.

Sheila has also initiated the "Know Your Neighbor" articles in the Shire, and diligently researches the featured neighbor and writes a great article about them and their community service. She recently told me she feels it is important to highlight special people for their service, and enjoys doing this for our community newsletter!

Thank you to all who pick up pet waste on the Lake Trail and common area!

Handling the pet waste stations and picking up waste on the trail can be daunting tasks, especially when the bags are overfilled and in the winter months. A shout out to Mary-Anne and Rocco who are often seen picking up many piles of poop on the Lake Trail. A reminder to all pick up your pet waste and tie the bags before placing in the waste receptacles. Please respect our volunteers and bears - do not put trash in the waste receptacles - adds weight and attracts bears.



We are so appreciative for Don, Sheila, Mary-Anne and Rocco, they are true assets to our community. Thank you for all of your dedicated service over the years!
- Lori Kelley

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Glenshire Bears BY ANN BRYANT

Greetings, Glenshire homeowners and residents. While the bears are sleeping let's talk about how to better understand these large neighbors so that everyone can be prepared when they wake up and begin their obsessive search for something to eat.

Bears live to eat. This is your first lesson. While they are awake they are constantly looking for food, while they are asleep they are dreaming about food.

The second important fact for you to know is: In the bear's world, there is only one rule. "If I can smell it, if it smells like food and if I can get to it....it's mine!" Sounds simple but you need to realize how profoundly serious this Rule is. Bears have an incredible sense of smell. This wise ancient Native American saying will help put this into perspective for you, "If a pinecone falls in the forest the Deer hears it, the Eagle sees it and the Bear smells it".

One bear has the strength of an entire football team and when you add that to their unbelievable determination and never-ending quest for food it will become obvious that we have a daunting task ahead of us if we hope to outwit them and keep them out of our yards, cars and homes.

Bears love bird seed, and you will never convince them the bird feeder in your yard is not for them. Bird feeders are nothing but a bear attractant. Bears also love garbage and if it's in a garage with a wooden door or it's outside in anything other than a metal bear box, they will steal



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it and make a mess. Speaking of wooden garage doors: they are not bear-proof, and the bears can easily get inside if they smell trash, a refrigerator/freezer or any other food.

All the local bears know how to check for unlocked or partially open doors and windows (homes or vehicles) and they know how to open them to get inside. Some folks think it's smart to leave the car doors unlocked so the bears can just open them and see there is no food inside, but many times the door slams shut on the bear after he gets in and then he's a trapped and panicked animal who will completely destroy the vehicle in an attempt to escape. If you don't want bears in your house, lock the doors and windows....if you don't want bears in your car, remove all food, lock the doors and roll the windows up tight.

Bears are very very smart and it takes a while for some of us to wise up and get into the habit of always knowing there most likely is a bear nearby, hiding behind a tree or a rock, and waiting for us to make a simple mistake so he can score a meal.... Leaving the car door open while unloading groceries, leaving a window open in the house, putting the trash bag out on the deck with plans to take it

to the bear box later etc. If everyone can be serious about not allowing the bears to profit in Glenshire, they will move on because bears don't bother hanging out where they aren't being rewarded with food.

Tips to Remember:

- Bird Feeders are Bear Feeders
- Unsecured Trash Attracts Bears
- Open or Unlocked Windows/Doors are Invitations for Bears to Enter
- Fruit Trees Attract Bears
- There are No Grizzly Bears in CA or NV
- Bears are Very Smart
- Glenshire is in Bear Country
- There is No Relocation of Bears in CA
- No Human in CA or NV has Ever Been Killed by a Bear

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Visit tdpud.org/wintertips for how to navigate common winter issues we see in Truckee homes. Now is the time to prepare to avoid frozen or burst water pipes, snow piling up on electrical panels and fire hydrants, and heat escaping through leaky windows and doors.


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EVENT CALENDAR & GDRA UPDATES

ACTIVITIES AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Glenshire Pool

The pool is planned to reopen Memorial Day weekend 2024. For questions, comments or suggestions regarding pool operations, please email us at passoffice@glenshiredevonshire.com.

Yoga

Tues & Thurs 9:30am

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

Glenshire Tennis Group

Tennis for community members of all ages who are interested in fun, exercise and socializing with neighbors. We balance teams with a pre-set play schedule when courts are not covered in snow. For more info or to be added to our weekly distribution list, contact Denis Weil at dweil@comcast.net or 925.890.9127.

Clubhouse Dumpster

Tues 2:30 - 4:30pm, Wednesdays 9am - 12pm

Regular hours for Clubhouse Dumpster use are provided for all GDRA members in good standing. Before using the dumpster, or to schedule a different drop off time, please contact GDRA to arrange access at 530.587.6202 or email info@glenshiredevonshire.com. Members need to bring a valid ID. NO cardboard, hazardous or electronic waste. Please tie all bags.

EVENT CALENDAR

Ongoing

Yoga Tues & Thurs, 9:30am

April

- 9 DRC Meeting
- 17 GDRA Board Meeting
- 23 DRC Meeting

February

- 13 DRC Meeting
- 21 GDRA Board Meeting

March

- 12 DRC Meeting
- 20 GDRA Board Meeting

May

- 14 DRC Meeting
- 15 GDRA Board Meeting
- 25 Pool Opens
Memorial Day Weekend
- 28 DRC Meeting

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Use Dark Sky Exterior Lighting

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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.

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.

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. Please keep dogs off of the Glenshire Lake Island. This is a wildlife and nesting area.

Respect Local Fire Bans

Do not use Fireworks, Bottle Rockets, etc. They are dangerous, not allowed and against the law. Please respect the burn ban season. Dates TBD by Truckee Fire — traditionally spring through fall. No burning, campfires or charcoal bbq's.

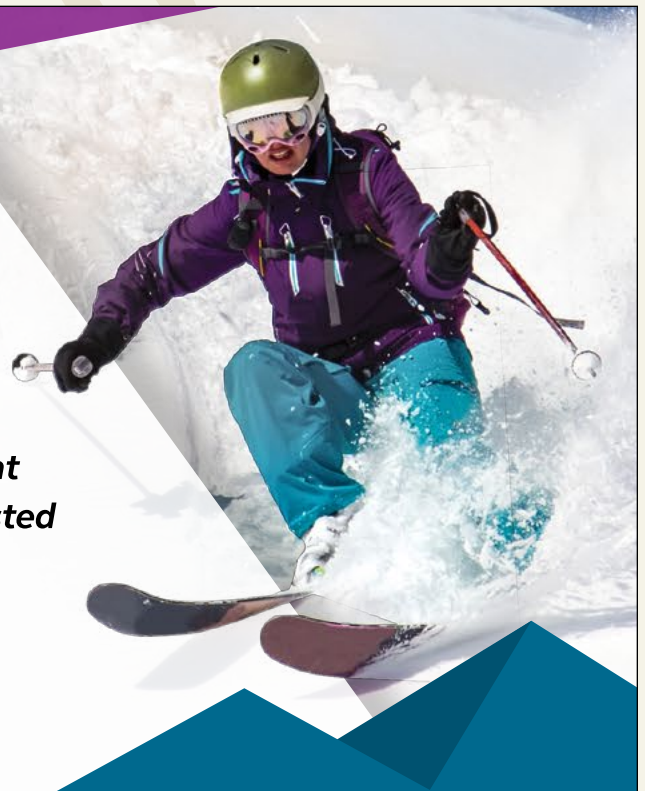
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Peek Behind the Curtain

There's a lot of hard work that takes place behind the proverbial curtain to deliver safe and reliable electric service to the communities that Liberty serves.

In 2023, Liberty made prudent investments in its electrical infrastructure to strengthen and improve service reliability while also reducing wildfire ignition risk. While a variety of work was done throughout the year, here are just a few projects to highlight.

Overhead conductor. Overhead conductor, also known as overhead wires, are the lines that transport electricity to your home or business. Over the course of 2023,

Liberty crews replaced over 13 miles of overhead wire, much of it with covered conductor. Covered conductors are insulated, offering better protection from incidental contact to increase service reliability and reduce the risk of wildfire.

Poles. Poles are necessary to keep the electric grid stable and maintain a clearance between live, overhead conductor and the ground. Erosion, rot, and stress that may occur over the years necessitates their eventual replacement. In 2023, Liberty evaluated thousands of poles, and as a result of the evaluation, 800 poles were newly installed or replaced throughout the territory. Keeping high voltage lines in the air is a contributor to safe, reliable service and a reduced risk of wildfire ignition.

Substations. Substations are a critical piece of infrastructure, as they convert the high electric voltage from the generation source to a level that is more usable for homes and businesses. In 2023, Liberty crews and engineers designed and built a replacement for the substation in Portola. While the new substation won't be operational until early 2024, the design and a majority of the construction has already been completed. This is the second substation replacement Liberty has completed in the last five years and is an important part of Liberty's efforts to maintain and update aging infrastructure.

Green jackets. Contact with electrical infrastructure that causes a ground is one of the more typical causes of a power outage and, when this occurs at a substation, the outage can affect thousands of customers. Green jackets are simple, yet effective plastic coverings used on electrical infrastructure to help prevent these kinds of outages. Liberty installed green jackets at all of its substations in 2023 to help improve service reliability, mitigate wildfire risk, as well as potentially save the lives of animals that may come into contact with electrical infrastructure.

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