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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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3rd Wednesdays of the Month, 5:30pm  
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**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.

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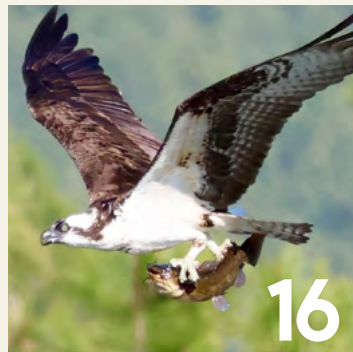
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Lorna began taking photos recently and birds are one of her favorite subjects. What better place to practice and learn photography than our own Glenshire Pond!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's been a long time since I joined the Board early in the COVID-19 pandemic, to the imminent end of the current GDRA Board term—the only one I was elected to by members (vs. appointed by an existing Board). In most respects, both the world and our Association are in significantly better shape now. However, we're still one or two big steps away from where we need to be.

Probably the most important single responsibility of the Board of Directors is prudent management of the budget for maximum community benefit. After all, it's member's money, not the Board's. Please refer to page 12 where more details of the current draft budget are discussed. My personal philosophy is for annual dues increases to be limited to only what is necessary to deal with economic factors (just treading water equates to an average annual 3% increase), long-term systemic issues (staffing), investments that are urgently important (fire resistance), or financially beneficial for the future (the solar energy project which will break even in some 7-10 years and thereafter save the Association

thousands of dollars annually). The decision to have increases for other purposes such as reducing amenity fees (as currently proposed) or for new or improved amenities should depend on ample input from the membership, so let us know what you think!

One of the clearest messages sent by the members who took the survey earlier this year was that actions to increase our community fire resistance are the highest single priority. I attended the Measure T citizens' oversight committee meeting on September 4, 2024 and will be a member of that committee in 2025. I'm really impressed by our current Chief and the Truckee Fire Protection District staff that are in charge of administering the Measure T program. They're informed, energetic, good listeners, and have gotten a lot of fire resilience work done despite the program only being in its first year of full funding. However, one of the things they've been disappointed by is the slow uptake of the home hardening rebate program, which provides a 1:1 matching rebate (that is, 50% of the cost), up to a maximum of \$500, for home hardening improvements.

Agencies and fire experts consistently state that most homes lost in fires are ignited by embers, so our neighborhood of housing stock that mostly predates modern fire codes is at a high level of risk. Personally, I'd like to see the rebate maximum raised, and I think Town building permits and Association DRC fees should be eliminated for home hardening improvements, as incentives for owners to make these upgrades. TFPD is eager to hear any suggestions for how they can make the home hardening program more effective and widely used.

The world is full of reasons for negativity—wars, pandemics, social divisions—but we are lucky to live where we have abundant causes to be positive, and a beautiful autumn to enjoy this wonderful time of year. If things are getting you down, come on down and walk the Lake Trail, greet your neighbors, pet their dogs, and appreciate our good fortune and community.



Adrian Juncosa,  
GDRA Board  
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### Greetings! I hope everyone enjoyed summer!

#### Pool Season

Our team took great efforts to make this summer an enjoyable one for our Members. The pool successfully remained open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, with a very minimal number of closures – mostly due to thunder and lightning. Our great pool team went above and beyond by agreeing to work hours during the first month of the fall semester to extend the swim season for our Members. We hope we can get them back next summer and wish them all the best during the school season.

Swim Lessons were a huge success this summer. Colton returned as our swim instructor, increasing our lessons this season! We hope he will return next year.

#### Summer Activities

In addition to the pool, there were many other activities at GDRA this summer. Tennis lessons continued, thanks to volunteer Michael Rudolph, and were a huge success! We hope to continue and expand these lessons next summer. Reach out to the office if you are interested in joining the classes in 2025!

Thanks to Amy Renn, yoga classes were extremely popular this summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays with an early start time of 7:30 am for the summer months. The classes have returned to a 9:30 am start time for the fall and winter.

Brooke Chabot's guitar and ukelele lessons were a big hit this summer and are scheduled to return early this October – you can learn more details on page 22.

All our amenities: tennis, pickleball, basketball, tetherball,

the playground, and the lake trail were all highly frequented by Members. Clubhouse, Gazebo and Pool Pavilion rentals were also well enjoyed.

We are pleased so many members enjoyed summer here! A huge thanks to all our Staff, Volunteers and Members for making this summer a success with flying colors.

#### Capital Projects

We are excited about our many 2024 projects!

##### Paid from Operating Funds

Solar Panel Installation. This will help reduce our energy costs.

##### Paid from Reserves Funds

- **Southwest and Northwest Deck Replacements** The southwest deck facing the pool demonstrates an important home hardening technique (ember mesh installed to enclose lower deck). Please take a look when you have time!

- **Clubhouse Doors/Windows**

Replacements. This will help reduce our energy costs.

- **Main Pool Replastering Project**

This is the first renovation since the new pool was installed in 2015. We are replastering and replacing tiles, paint, drains, skimmers, etc. as necessary.

#### Staff

Topher Marlatt came on as our new facilities coordinator in May. He has extensive experience with handling pool operations, facilities and maintenance. All the staff members enjoy working with Topher and we are excited to have him here. He makes everyone at ease with his calm patience and relaxed demeanor during the busiest of times.

#### 2025 Budget Time

The board and staff have been working on next year's budget for several months and appreciate member input by October 16th. Details are on page 12.

#### Governing Documents Election Due October 14

A 3rd ballot was mailed out in September to 648 members who have not yet voted on whether to update the Governing Documents.

If you received this 3rd ballot and feel you already voted, it is possible your ballot was deemed invalid due to not signing the return envelope or sealing your ballot in the secret envelope before enclosing in the return envelope. If you did not receive this 3rd ballot, then your ballot had previously been received.

The Association and a committee of members have worked hard to update these Governing Documents to bring them into compliance with current California law and address numerous concerns and needs that did not exist or were not addressed when our community was originally developed.

***If you have not yet voted, we need to receive your ballot to have enough member votes to open the ballots and tabulate the results. Regardless of whether your vote is "Yes" or "No", your input is important! The Ballots are now due by October 14, 2024.***

We hope all Members will take the time to vote on these important documents. For more info. visit [www.glenshiredevonshire.com](http://www.glenshiredevonshire.com).



## Common Area Fuel Reduction and Defensible Space/ FireWise

With wildfires being a primary threat in our community, our Defensible Space Inspection Program is actively continuing and planning to increase inspections of all Glenshire/Devonshire properties. We are assisting Truckee Fire Protection District with the follow-up inspections. Please note that we don't enter closed in back yards without the owner's permission, and normally knock on front door to let you know we are there. We are fortunate to have TFPD inspect all GDRA properties through Measure T; however, they are not able to provide us with these inspection reports. Therefore, it is important for our residents to provide GDRA with the TFPD inspection reports to help

save on inspection time and provide more thorough inspections.

We contracted outside help to perform fuels reduction work in August 2024 on two GDRA open space parcels. Bill Houdyschell, our vegetation management director is in the process of completing a long-term plan for Glenshire/Devonshire common area parcels. GDRA received a grant to help cover Bill's time on this project.

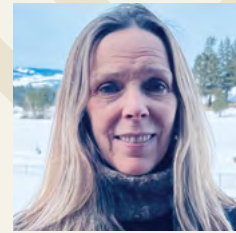
We are in our 5th year as a designated FireWise Community. This provides the entire community with wildfire safety resources and possible insurance discounts. With help from our Members who log their defensible space hours at [glenshiredevonshire.com](http://glenshiredevonshire.com), we can renew this designation for 2025.

- Please log your Defensible Space Hours by November 5th. Including

green waste curbside pickup and contractor hours.

- Please provide GDRA with your Truckee Fire Defensible Space Report by emailing [info@glenshiredevonshire.com](mailto:info@glenshiredevonshire.com)
- GDRA Defensible Space staff will continue to inspect Glenshire/Devonshire properties this fall/winter. So please expect to see our defensible space inspectors in your neighborhood.

Wishing everyone well as we move into fall and winter. Let it Snow!



Lori Kelley, GDRA Manager

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# Liberty Utilities

## VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Vegetation management is a critical department of an electric utility. Inspecting, pruning, and removing trees, branches, and other vegetation to maintain power line clearance is essential to providing safe and reliable electric service to customers and the local communities.

The trees and forest are part of what make the Lake Tahoe/Sierra region beautiful, and Liberty works hard to reduce hazards while still preserving this beauty. When trees are identified as potential hazards, crews prune branches and vegetation back to a minimum of 12 feet from high-voltage power lines to maintain adequate clearance. Additionally, trees that have the potential to fall on power lines because they are dead, diseased, or structurally unsound are identified and scheduled for removal.

On average, Liberty's vegetation management department removes or prunes about 15,000 trees each year on approximately 300 acres. Liberty chips branches and removes wood where feasible to assist with fuel reduction efforts, and local facilities and agencies

help to process and repurpose the biomass that results from this vegetation management work into wood chips or firewood. This work is an important part of Liberty's wildfire mitigation plan, sustainable vegetation management practices, and provision of safe and reliable electric service to customers and communities.

Liberty employs International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborists to manage its vegetation program. ISA-certified arborists must demonstrate a high level of knowledge and experience to gain certification and are required to maintain certification by continuing their education in the science and best practices of proper tree care.

Liberty's vegetation management program is active year-round to maintain power line clearance and consists of a variety of tasks. The vegetation management department plans and schedules areas for vegetation treatment, manages contract crews, upholds quality control of vegetation treatments, acts as environmental stewards, maintains and contributes to

customer relations, and works with agencies such as the United States Forest Service, local fire protection agencies, and the California Tahoe Conservancy.

The vegetation management department is also dispatched to assist or manage crews in removing downed trees and debris during high wind or storm events, helping to clear the way for linemen to make repairs.

Liberty works with large agency landowners such as the United States Forest Service and the California Tahoe Conservancy to implement vegetation projects that help promote sustainable ecosystems in the powerline corridors, foster healthy forests adjacent to power lines, and help reduce potential fuels on the landscape. These collaborations often result in increased efficiency and more treatments completed than would otherwise have been possible by a single agency.

To learn more about Liberty's vegetation management efforts or to submit a tree inspection request, visit [libertyenergyandwater.com](http://libertyenergyandwater.com).

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**GDRA would like to give a huge shout-out and thanks to our volunteers for bringing so much to our community!**



**Kids and Adult Tennis Classes Volunteer, Michael Rudolph**

Michael, who volunteered to teach tennis classes last year offered to teach again this summer. Michael lives in Glenshire and has been a recreational tennis player since early adulthood. He played on his high school tennis team and over the years he has played and been a captain on competitive tennis teams in California and Colorado. Mike created a great tennis class program for kids and adults. All involved enjoyed this experience. It was a popular program! Thank you for your time and expertise, Mike!



**Invasive Weed Removal, Mary Corley & Trisha Ruby**

Mary and Trisha jumped in to help staff remove invasive bull thistle around the pond this August. We couldn't have done it without them!

If you would like to help with invasive weed removal next summer, please email [info@glenshiredevonshire.com](mailto:info@glenshiredevonshire.com)

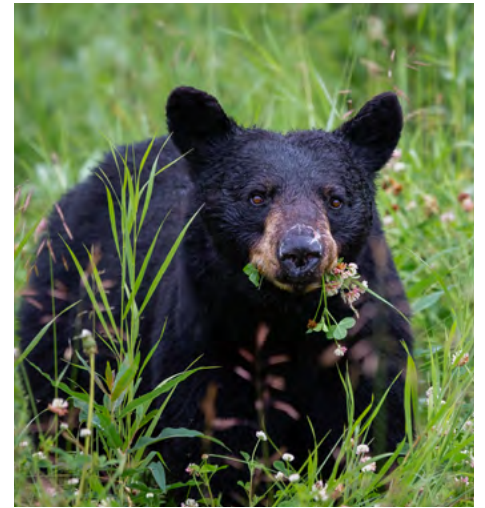
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## Glenshire Bears BY ANN BRYANT, BEAR LEAGUE

Greetings, Glenshire homeowners and residents. Let's talk about how to better understand these large neighbors so that everyone can be prepared with 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 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 California or Nevada
- Bears are very smart
- Glenshire is in bear country
- There is no relocation of bears in California
- No human in California or Nevada has ever been killed by a bear

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# GDRA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

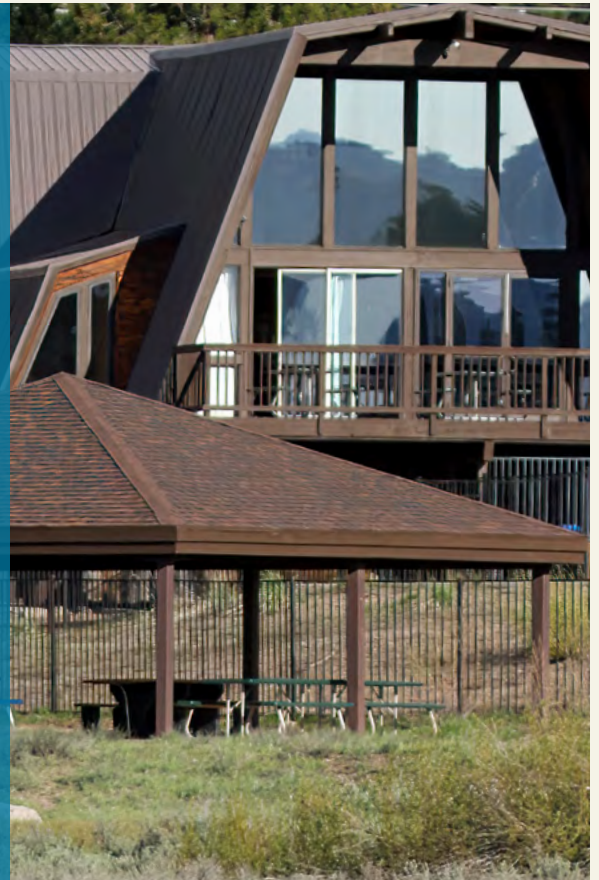
Member Open Forum • Refreshments • Fire Safety  
Saturday, October 12, 11am - 12:30pm  
AT THE CLUBHOUSE

## MEETING AGENDA

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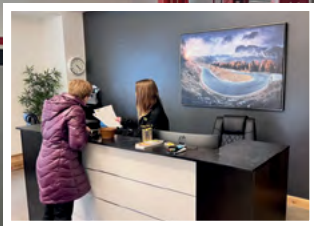
- I. 11:00 Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
- II. 11:05 Approval of Minutes
  - A. October 14, 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
- III. Presentations
  - A. Fire Safety
  - B. GDRA President, Adrian Juncosa: "State of Association"
- IV. 11:35 (approx.) Pause for Refreshments
- V. 12:00 New Business
  - A. Member Open Forum (Discussion Only. No decisions will be made at this meeting)
  - B. Announce Board of Director nominees to be appointed by Acclamation at the 10/16/2024 regular Board meeting
- VI. 12:30 Adjournment



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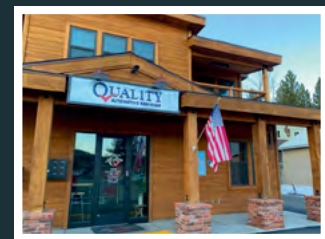


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**GDRA 2025 Draft Budget  
Updated Information**

The GDRA Board and staff have worked on the 2025 budget for several months and plan to finalize it at the October 16 meeting (it must be mailed out to membership in November). This article provides some history and discussion of proposed changes from 2024. Members who wish to provide input may do so by email prior to, or in person at, the October 16 meeting, for the Board to consider before finalizing next year's budget.

The current draft of the 2025 budget includes approximately a 7% increase in annual dues from 2024. Most of this \$36 annual/\$3 monthly increase relates to defensible space follow-up on member properties and open space

fuel management, which are widely recognized as high priorities by our membership (and insurance companies!). Additionally, standard defensible space inspections, a partial informal survey from the street, and member input suggest that we are not achieving fire resistance goals.

The previous proposal to provide two free seasonal pool passes to each parcel has been eliminated. Thereby reducing the proposed increase from 12% to 7%. However, other minor modifications to the pool usage are being considered, including free drop-ins.

Design Review fees will be altered (almost all the changes are minimal reductions, with no significant change to this budget item).

A proposal to install digital access control on amenity gates continues to be evaluated for costs and benefits. If this project were to go ahead, the currently proposed concept would entail two levels of amenity pass: one that includes all facilities, and another that includes access to all facilities except the pool. For regulatory reasons, the change to an amenity pass from a pool (only) pass may allow for staffing efficiencies and extended pool hours for members that are currently not legally allowable. The digital access control system would allow for reduced staffing hours and extended pool hours.

The main operating expense changes from 2024 include:

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- + \$ 7,000 Fuels Reduction - Open Space
- + \$ 6,432 Insurance

**Decreases**

- \$42,823 Salaries - Admin
- \$ 6,773 Salaries - Pool

Please visit [www.glenshiredevonshire.com](http://www.glenshiredevonshire.com) to view 2025 Draft Budget details.

The Association depends on input from the membership, not only the volunteer Board but also member comments at our Board meetings. Please attend the October 16, 2024 Board meeting, or email us prior, to make your opinions known.

Thank you,  
GDRA Board

**2024 Board of Directors Election**

Two nominations have been received for the two open Director seats. Therefore, this will be an election by acclamation, an election without ballots.

The appointment of the two candidates, James Bartlett and Adrian Juncosa, will occur at the October 16, 2024 Regular Board meeting.

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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](http://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. Please be mindful of walking horses alongside the trail rather than on the trail, when able, to help avoid the formation of holes.

### Help Keep Your Neighborhood Safe

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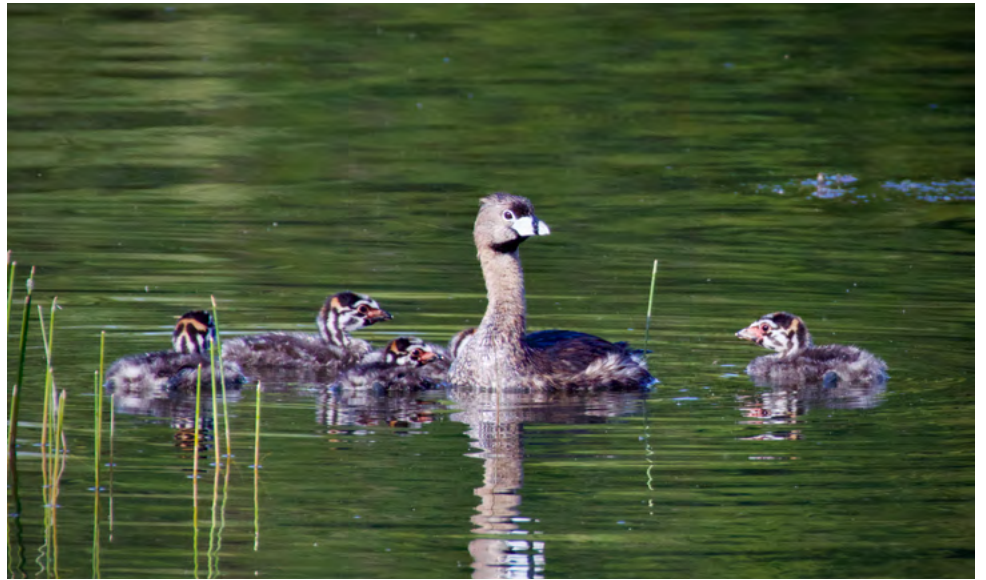
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In July the baby ducks arrived; Grebe nests and baby Grebes.

## Birds and Critters at Glenshire Pond BY LORNA TIRMAN

I began taking photos recently and birds are one of my favorite subjects. What better place to practice and learn photography than our own Glenshire Pond! I discovered that photographing birds also requires learning about what birds you see. When I share my photos, the first question I get asked is, "What is that bird?" So, I am now officially a photographer and a bird enthusiast. My new saying is, "Sorry I am late, but I saw a bird!"

Starting in April of this year, the pond was surrounded by ospreys.

At times there were seven or more of these birds of prey flying over the pond and diving to catch fish. They are incredible to watch! Ospreys do not nest at the pond but come here to fish from miles away. Sometimes there are ospreys hanging around into the early fall if you are lucky enough to see them. A friend once asked me, "What are you going to photograph when you go to the pond today?" I replied, "I never know! I love to photograph whatever shows up." On that day, I saw a white-faced ibis. I had never seen one in my twenty-four years living in

Glenshire, even walking around the pond multiple times a day.

I have learned to look up and down and all around for the critters and birds of Glenshire. One day I didn't see many birds and started home, then I looked up and there in a tree was our resident great blue heron. On one excursion I heard a ruckus of squawking coming from trees across from the pond. I turned on my Merlin app, which can identify birds from sound or photograph. It told me the sound was a red-tailed hawk. Once I knew what to look for,

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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One of my favorite birds is the spotted sandpiper. They are adorable creatures.



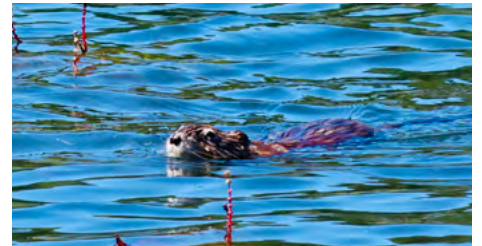
Ospreys do not nest at the pond but come here to fish from miles away.



The photographer's first sighting of a white faced ibis.



Our resident great blue heron in a tree.



One or more muskrats swim around the pond in the spring and summer. Rumors spread that people saw an otter this summer, however I was never lucky enough to see it.

I was lucky enough to see this hawk teaching its baby to fly and to catch good photos of it! The white pelicans are incredibly beautiful to watch fly overhead as they perform private air shows for us. Their landings are entertaining as well as watching them catch and swallow fish. And lastly, I cannot forget the white egrets and multitudes of Canada goose we have every year at our pond.

There are many birds of the pond that I have seen in the last six months, but I cannot include photos of them all. There are cormorants, majestic as they sit on the rocks of the pond. There are yellow warblers, western wood-pewees,

the beautiful red-winged black birds, finches, sparrows, and juncos among the other birds you might see as you explore our wonderful pond. I suggest that if you are interested in knowing what birds are in your area, to download the free Merlin app and turn on the sound feature. You will find out all the birds in that area that are making sounds and then you can look for them.

I look forward to fall and winter to see what the pond life brings us; I will continue enjoying and capturing in photo the birds and critters that hang out at our wonderful pond.

Stay tuned for more interesting birds and critters!

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# Truckee Fire District

## MEASURE T RESOURCES

Did you know the Truckee Fire Protection District has several programs in place this year to help with wildfire mitigation? Thanks to funds from Measure T, Truckee residents have access to rebates and other resources that can help in our efforts to keep our properties and our communities safe. Truckee Fire has also completed a wildfire mitigation roadmap and added a key new position in its efforts to fight wildfires.

Here's a full breakdown of the different initiatives in place for 2024:

### Free Defensible Space Inspections

Truckee Fire, in partnership with Fire Aside, offers custom defensible space inspections (DSI) to homeowners, residents, and community members. These inspections provide an interactive to-do list with clear instructions on creating a fire-safe environment. You can schedule inspections online at [www.truckee-fire.org/dspace](http://www.truckee-fire.org/dspace)

### Free Green Waste Removal Programs

Truckee Fire supports curbside green waste pick-up and dumpster rebate programs to aid homeowners in fire prevention efforts. Simply stack your pile of approved

green waste and then sign-up for the pick-up service online at: [www.truckee-fire.org/greenwaste](http://www.truckee-fire.org/greenwaste)

### \$500 Home Hardening Rebate Program

Embers carried by the wind are the leading cause of home ignition and hardening your home can help protect it when wildfire strikes. This process includes defensible space clean-up but also using fire-safe materials in and around your home, and homeowners can earn up to \$500 in rebates for home upgrades. Learn how to get rebates, visit [www.truckee-fire.org/hardenyourhome](http://www.truckee-fire.org/hardenyourhome).

### Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Truckee Fire's CWPP is essentially a roadmap for the community that helps identify and prioritize wildfire prevention projects. The CWPP is a collaborative, community-driven plan. It will be used as a guiding tool to carry out coordinated actions that will reduce wildfire risk. See the detailed plan at: [www.truckee-fire.org/cwpp](http://www.truckee-fire.org/cwpp)

### Forest Management & Fuel Reduction Programs

Did you know that Truckee Fire has their own Registered Professional Forester? This vital role ensures that our forests are properly managed to reduce hazardous vegetation and fuel loading conditions. This helps reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire conditions, and creates and promotes healthy and resilient forests for years to come. Learn more at: [www.truckee-fire.org/projects](http://www.truckee-fire.org/projects)

Truckee Fire encourages all residents and homeowners to tap into these resources available and engage wholeheartedly in wildfire prevention efforts. By fostering a culture of preparedness and collaboration, the community can forge a path towards enhanced wildfire resilience.

*Fuel reduction project. Aug. 2024, GDRA common area near Briar*



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#### Using Water Efficiently

TDPUD supplies customers with tools like **low-flow showerheads**, **hose nozzles**, and **leak detection kits** to help decrease water usage. Customers should also make small everyday changes to save water, like using less outdoor irrigation and taking shorter showers.

#### Save Money on Saving Water

Water conservation rebates are available to TDPUD customers to help offset the cost of fixing leaks and purchasing efficient equipment. We are also developing a rebate to assist customers who install "water-wise" landscaping to reduce their irrigation needs.



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## GDRA RESIDENTS!

GDRA needs all Residents to log in Defensible Space hours performed on their property **before November 5!** Click on "Log Your Defensible Space Time" button at [glenshiredevonshire.com](http://glenshiredevonshire.com)

Help your Association remain a FireWise Community! Visit [glenshiredevonshire.com](http://glenshiredevonshire.com) to log your hours. Contact GDRA office with any questions.

When an entire community gathers together to make the neighborhood a better place, everyone benefits!

Thank you!

# IT'S NOT A MATTER OF IF IT'S WHEN?

**Glenshire Devonshire** and surrounding communities are working together to adapt to living with **wildfire** and take **preemptive action** to prevent losses in case of major fire.

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## Know Your Neighbor

MATT HERON BY SHEILA GREENO

In Glenshire, we are fortunate to be surrounded by neighbors who not only love where they live but actively contribute to the well-being of the environment and community. Matt Heron is one such resident. He is a Glenshire homeowner and the owner of Matt Heron Fly Fishing.

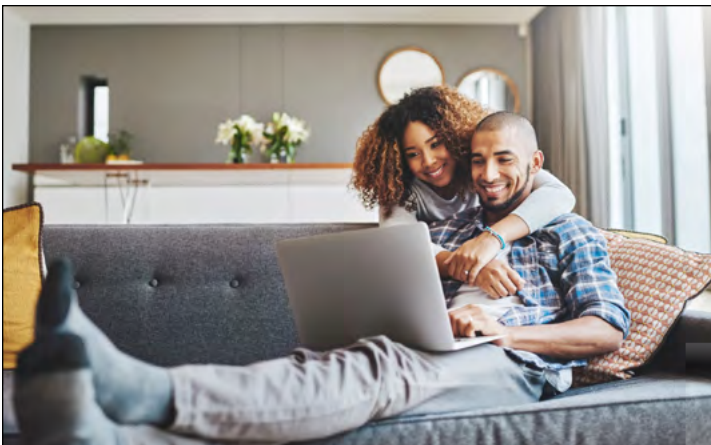
Matt's interest to the sport of fly fishing started early. Growing up in upstate New York, he wrote stories about becoming a fishing guide. Years later, while living in Montana,

a call from a friend in Truckee let him know of an opportunity and sparked the creation of Matt Heron Fly Fishing. Today, Matt, along with his wife Lulana and team of top-rated fishing guides are welcoming a new generation of people to fly fishing. Clients are taken on excursions to a variety of areas to learn skills and eventually graduate to fishing the Truckee River, a well-known world-class trout river.

Matt Heron enjoys introducing people to a sport he has loved his entire life, but he's also a dedicated volunteer and leader devoting time and his extensive education and experience to his roles with Trout Unlimited and Cast Hope.

As a regional director for Cast Hope, Matt is introducing at-risk and underserved youth to the outdoors through fly fishing, providing them with life changing experiences in nature. In addition, Matt serves on the advisory board of Trout Unlimited, an organization with the mission to recover wild and native trout and salmon watersheds. He was part of the team for the Little Truckee Trout Habitat Restoration Project, a nationally recognized project along the Little Truckee River between Stampede and Boca Reservoirs.

Through his business, Matt takes clients on first-class fishing experiences around the world, yet the Truckee River remains his favorite spot. So Glenshire was the perfect place to settle and raise a family. Together with his wife, Lulana, who manages the business's operations, and their two boys, ages 6 and 11, enjoy the family-friendly atmosphere of the neighborhood. The boys thrive in Glenshire where their school and friends are just a short bike ride away. Their church of many years, Tahoe Forest Church, is nearby, offering outdoor services every Sunday with views of the river they love. Lulana has been actively involved in the church, most recently as the events and logistics coordinator. For more information, visit [www.mattheronflyfishing.com](http://www.mattheronflyfishing.com).



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## EVENT CALENDAR & GDRA UPDATES



### Glenshire Tennis Group

We are a group of tennis enthusiasts community members of all ages interested in fun, frequent exercise and socializing with Glenshire neighbors on and off the tennis courts. We set up balanced teams with pre-set play schedules. During the season (May-Nov) we meet 2x per week, Thurs. & Sat., 9 - 11am. In addition, we schedule Sunset Socials on the first Sunday of the month. We meet at 4pm for 1.5 hours of tennis, followed by a potluck dinner for the whole family.

For more information or to be added to our weekly distribution list, contact Denis Weil [dweil@comcast.net](mailto:dweil@comcast.net) or 925.890.9127

### Yoga

Drop-in (\$15) or 5-pack (\$60). Contact Amy Renn of Terra Firma Fitness, Massage & Yoga

at [amyterrafirma@gmail.com](mailto:amyterrafirma@gmail.com), or 209.662.4146 for more information.

**Tues and Thurs 9:30 - 10:30am.**

### Clubhouse Dumpster

Regular hours for Clubhouse Dumpster use for all GDRA members in good standing is outlined below (space and weather permitting):

- Please **contact our office to arrange access** at 530.587.6202 or email [info@glenshiredevonshire.com](mailto:info@glenshiredevonshire.com)
- Wednesdays preferred.
- Need a different time? Please contact our office.

Members need to bring a valid ID. NO cardboard, hazardous or electronic waste. Please tie all bags.

### Group Ukulele Class

Class for adults taught by local musician and teacher, Brooke Chabot. Glenshire Residents & Guests welcome at the Clubhouse.

**Wednesdays 1:30-2:30pm**

**October 2 - November 20, \$150**

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session. No experience too small or big. You just need your own instrument. Call 510.206.4463 or email [bchabot9@gmail.com](mailto:bchabot9@gmail.com).

### Clubhouse Office Drop-in Hours

Other times by appointment (including Saturdays)

**Tues & Thurs, 10:30am - 1:30pm**

**Wed/Fri 10am - 5pm**

### Board Meetings

**3rd Wednesdays of the Month 5:30pm**

(subject to change)

Meetings are held at the Clubhouse and online when able.

Monthly meetings may be skipped when applicable. Upcoming GDRA Regular Board Meeting Schedule:

October	16
November	20
December	18
January 2025	15

### DRC Meetings

Currently the Design Review Committee meetings are held Online (check updated web postings).

**2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30am**

**2nd Tuesdays 7:30am**

(Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar)





## 2024 CALENDAR

Yoga Every Tues & Thurs 9:30am

Tennis Club meets Thursdays & Saturdays  
@ GDRA Tennis Courts, 9 - 11am

### October

- 08 DRC Meeting, 7:30am
- 16 GDRA Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 22 DRC Meeting, 7:30am

### November

- 12 DRC Meeting, 7:30am
- 20 GDRA Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 26 DRC Meeting, 7:30am

### December

- 10 DRC Meeting, 7:30am
- 18 GDRA Board Meeting, 5:30pm

### January

- 14 DRC Meeting, 7:30am
- 15 GDRA Board Meeting, 5:30pm



## Halloween Candy Donation: Deliver By Oct. 28 & Pick-up By Oct. 29, 5pm

The Glenshire Devonshire community will be preparing for trick-or-treaters to arrive! The areas around Glenshire Elementary School have become one of the best places in Truckee to bring your children for safe and fun Trick-or-Treating.

Three candy bags only last until 7pm in the busiest neighborhoods. Please consider dropping off a bag of candy to the Glenshire Clubhouse so we can distribute extra candy to the houses that get hundreds of trick-or-treaters. If you are one of the homes that gets hundreds of visitors, please contact the GDRA offices between October 1 - 28 to be put on the distribution list. Contact at 530.587.6202 or email [info@glenshiredevonshire.com](mailto:info@glenshiredevonshire.com). Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!

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- Pick Up:** At Glenshire Clubhouse Office by 5pm October 29

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### GOODBYE POOL SEASON

As temperatures start to drop, and the leaves on the trees start turning, we say goodbye to another pool season here in Glenshire. I want to take a moment to thank all the pool staff, members, and guests for an amazing 2024 pool season. We had an amazing collection of returning and new pool staff members!

In 2024, the Glenshire Devonshire Residents' Association welcomed a new Facilities Coordinator, and pool maintenance company, Prestige Pool Spa Services. After a complete operational transition at the start of the season, both parties were able to work together to dial in the pool's needs and we are looking cleaner, clearer, and better balanced than ever. This season also marked the purchase of new pool covers, and with the addition of the new solar installation, the pool has never been more efficient.

The pool facility had some new changes this past summer, including the relocation of the tables and chairs that were previously affixed to the area in front of the wading pool, to provide the pool staff with a clearer view of the wading pool. We will be welcoming

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Pool Staff

back the umbrellas for that area in the 2025 season, including an even larger shade structure that is planned to be stationed out on the back corner of the pool closest to the pond. The pool's Pavilion area also got a fresh coat of paint in preparation for a new mural slated for the near future.

This fall marks the start of the pool's resurfacing project. This will bring a fresh surface to the pool including new tile and coping, as some of these surfaces were beginning to deteriorate. With all the new work to the pool area, 2025 will be an exciting year to spend time cooling off, learning to swim, or communing with some of your favorite neighbors. We hope to expand the pool's program offerings, bring more games for the lawn, and continue to offer a premier amenity for our members, and their guests. Here's to a wonderful 2024 swim season and looking forward to 2025!

Topher Marlatt,  
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