

A group of approximately ten ducklings are swimming in a body of water. The water is a deep blue with some ripples. The ducklings have dark brown, fuzzy feathers and yellow-orange beaks. They are scattered across the frame, with some in the foreground and others further back.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING SCHEDULE

3rd Wednesdays of the Month, 5:30pm
Via Video/Teleconference (subject to change)

MAY 21 JULY 16
JUNE 18 AUGUST 20

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

DRC meetings normally meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. DRC meetings will be canceled if the agenda is empty 10 days in advance of the meeting. Meetings are virtual and the link is posted on the DRC webpage.

Next open DRC meeting: June 10
June 10 Application Deadline: May 20

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BENCHES AT THE GLENSHIRE POND

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GDRA POOL

As temperatures warm up, and winter releases its grip on the Shire, we welcome back pool operations for the summer.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



GDRA staff and the Board are off to a busy start to the summer season, having lined up contractors for some reserves (repair) projects on some aging infrastructure in the clubhouse complex. But as always, activity to improve community fire resistance is high on the priority list. By the time members are seeing this issue of the Shire, we will have submitted a grant proposal for funding to do a lot of fuel management in common area open spaces, primarily where those lie in between rows of our homes. This grant program is a great way to make Measure T funds work directly for us here, while Truckee Fire is conducting the planning, permitting, and implementation of vegetation projects just outside GDRA limits and elsewhere in the District.

Many of our open space areas have never benefited from any kind of forest or fuel management, so thinning out shrubby vegetation and ladder fuels in them is crucial to keeping the fire potential in these areas to just surface fire, which dramatically reduces risks to the built environment. Like a lot of regional forests, our eastside pine/bitterbrush-sagebrush is secondary growth from logging 100-150 years ago. Secondary conifer forest

typically has way too many trees per unit area, so, if we are funded, the work will entail a fair amount of tree and shrub removal, meaning a good bit of heavy equipment operation, under the supervision of our registered professional forester. Don't be alarmed, it will improve ecological conditions along with fire resistance.

The Rules update is underway, with an early draft circulated for Board review. (This means the whole Rules, not just the election rules that we've already circulated for member comment.) It's possible the draft Rules will already be available for member review when this Shire issue comes out, but if not, they'll be publicized around mid-May. We took into account the comments we received on the CC&Rs, but we are eager for more members' comments on those same topics and everything else.

Some of the new architectural Rules are focused on fire resistance, based on standards now established by the state Insurance Commission that are important to maximize our individual insurability. (Sheds are one of the items addressed by the Commission.) Other rules take into account important lessons from the recent Los Angeles fires (see the article on page 17 of this issue). Still other Rule updates do nothing more than to bring us into consistency with the Town Development Code, which we should have been all along.

Other areas we think will be much improved over the current Rules include better guidelines for color and parking pads, which are common improvements that members undertake with or without prior DRC approval, and improvements to the application process to make it easier and establish a timeline for automatic approval after a specified time interval. We think that knowing when applications are approved or denied will be great for the Association and for members who will now know when they can count on getting their projects done.

But that's just what we think right now. Let us know your opinions, whatever they are, and we'll try to refine the Rules in a balanced way that is in everyone's best interests. We plan to circulate the draft Rules for Member comment after the May 21st Board meeting.



Adrian Juncosa,
GDRA Board President





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Greetings and Happy Spring!

Spring/Summer

We are expecting an active 2025 spring and summer here at GDRA. We are hiring pool staff and gearing up to open the pool on Memorial Day Weekend. We plan to offer tennis classes again this summer and yoga, ukulele and harmony classes year-round. Members can sign up for classes at www.glenshiredevonshire.com once the schedule is posted. Clubhouse and Gazebo reservations are ramping up. Members can email reservations@glenshiredevonshire.com to inquire about booking.

2025 Projects Planned at the Facilities

Capital Improvements

Install an additional shade structure at the pool

Reserves

Replace the playground fencing

Re-surface and re-stripe sports courts

Replace 50% of clubhouse sidewalks

Maintenance

Seal coat and re-stripe main parking lot



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GDRA performs follow-up defensible space inspections on properties inspected by Truckee Fire within Glenshire/Devonshire. Truckee Fire and GDRA have inspected hundreds of properties over the last couple of years and plan to continue this year. **Please expect to see our defensible space inspectors in your neighborhood May through December.** GDRA requests all Members to provide us with a copy of their most recent Truckee Fire inspection report, which helps save the inspection staff a lot of time! You can mail, drop off, or email your report to defsapce@glenshiredevonshire.com.

You can find Measure T Greenwaste and Home Hardening Programs at <https://www.truckee-fire.org/>. We thank all Members for maintaining their defensible space. Please remember to log your defensible space hours and number of green bins filled at glenshiredevonshire.com. Logging hours are part of our submission to renew our annual Community Firewise designation, which helps qualify GDRA members for an insurance discount.

I hope you can attend one of the Eastern Regional Firewise Coalition Open Houses for home and community wildfire preparation and prevention. Saturday (8/16, 9/6, 9/13, or 9/20) See details in this Shire. Also, I hope you can take time to read the fire article in this Shire.

GDRA Rules Update

As Adrian mentioned in his President's message, we are in the process of updating our Rules! We would like to receive your comments, so please stay tuned! Please feel free to email info@glenshiredevonshire.com with any questions or comments.

2025 Board of Directors Election

Would you like to serve your community? Board of Director applications are due July 28, 2025. Details can be found in this Shire and on our website. There will be three vacant seats open. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. See details on page 8 of this Shire.

We look forward to seeing more of our Members as the weather gets warmer!



Lori Kelley,
GDRA Manager





Glenshire Pond Benches By Lorna Watt Tirman

We now have seven benches around the Glenshire Pond, all with great views.

You may have noticed the newest bench, which is dedicated to the memory of Robert and Odette Tirman and Jay and Jean Watt. Each of the seven benches is dedicated

to loved ones who we want to remember through these places to sit, relax, and reflect.

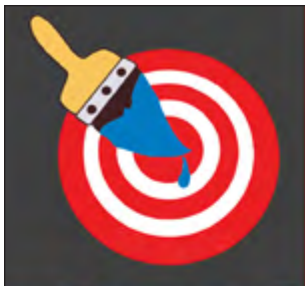
Although most of you may not know us, David and I have lived in Glenshire for almost 25 years. We love the pond. Our fathers had both passed by the time we moved here

with our two daughters, Laura and Kristina, but our mothers were still with us and enjoyed pond walks when they visited.

As our moms aged, it was important that they had places to sit and rest as they walked around the pond. I used to carry a chair for my mom so she could sit when she needed to. Now with seven benches spread all around our pond, everyone can enjoy a walk and rest when they need to. I hope you all enjoy all the benches and as you pass them reflect on those who have passed and know they still are here in spirit and our memories.

I hope others might share the stories of their benches too! Cheers to many walks around the pond this summer.

In memory of our parents,
Lorna Watt Tirman



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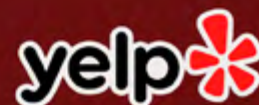
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NOTICE OF 2025 ELECTION

RUN FOR THE GDRA BOARD

Submit your application by July 28, 2025 to make an impact in our community.

Do you have experience you can contribute to help guide the direction and success of our community? If so, there will be three board vacancies to be filled this fall.

What is the Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors is a five-member team of unpaid community volunteers who are elected to govern the financial management and general operation of the Glenshire/Devonshire Residents' Association. It is their duty to act in the best interests of our nearly 1,400 member households. This includes enforcement of rules and CC&Rs, responding to and finding resolution to neighbor complaints, maintaining our common areas/open space, establishing and overseeing the budget and overseeing management and repairs of our facilities.

What's Required Of Board Members?

Board Members are elected to two-year terms and are expected to attend monthly board meetings that usually last two hours. There are occasionally special meetings called requiring time outside of meetings to research and work with committees, members, and staff to move issues and projects forward. Other duties include:

- Develop Community leadership by example.
- Work with Directors in a collegial relationship, presenting opposing views with professionalism and civility.
- Provide assistance and feedback to staff to ensure success of the operations.
- Continually strive to be better informed in the issues and laws to improve decisions.
- Act in accordance with the Code of Conduct and in compliance with State business law.

Procedure to Run For The GDRA Board

1. Complete a Candidate Nomination Form by downloading at glenshiredevonshire.com or request from the office.

The nomination form includes a request for director election statements outlining your qualifications and why you would like to serve on the board. Your submission will also require a copy of a recorded grant deed, and conflict of interest and good standing statements.

2. The nomination form and director election statements should then be delivered by July 28, 2025, 5pm to the Association via email at info@glenshiredevonshire.com or if unable to email, mail or deliver a hard copy to GDRA, 15726 Glenshire Drive, Truckee, CA 96161. We strongly recommend that you submit your application several days earlier in case any missing information is found.

Dear Members: If at the close of the time period for making nominations, there are the same number or fewer qualified candidates as there are board positions to be filled, then the board of directors may, after voting to do so, seat the qualified candidates by acclamation without balloting. This statement is not required if, at the time the reminder notice will be delivered, the number of qualified candidates already exceeds the number of board positions to be filled.

Join Us!

When you step up to help lead our community you not only will be ensuring and making a meaningful difference in the quality of our way of life, but you will also find it to be a rewarding experience that connects you even more deeply with this unique and special community. Current board members are happy to discuss their experience on the board and offer a more personalized perspective on what you might expect. Contact them at board@glenshiredevonshire.com to schedule a time to chat!





The Glenshire/Devonshire Residents' Association, Inc.

CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS
2025 Director Election

The Association is preparing for its annual Director election. Members of the Association are invited and encouraged to become candidates in this Director election. There are three (3) positions to be filled on the Board of Directors. In order to be a candidate, you must notify management in writing, by email to Lori Kelley at info@glenshiredevonshire.com, or by mail or hand-delivery to Lori Kelley at 15726 Glenshire Drive, Truckee, CA 96161.

Your written candidate nomination form and any director election statements described below must be received by Lori

Kelley no later than 5pm on July 28, 2025. Each qualified member whose written nomination is timely received by the inspector of elections shall be a candidate.

Candidates and members advocating a point of view may but are not required to submit to the manager at the address listed above a director election statement that is related to the election. Director election statements may not exceed one side of a single 8-1/2 x 11 inch page. Director election statements that are received by the deadline for nominations will be photocopied in black and white as submitted by the

candidate and will be included with the voting materials, which will be mailed to all members. By submitting a director election statement, you accept full responsibility for its content. It is each candidate's responsibility to confirm that their written nomination to be a candidate and director election statement was received by Lori Kelley.

Candidate names and director election statements will be printed in The Shire and posted on the Association's website for member review. Candidates may be invited to attend a "Meet the Candidates" event in September as well.

The Glenshire/Devonshire Residents' Association, Inc.
Candidate Nomination Form

At a minimum, please complete and return the following information to management by the methods listed above:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Director Election Statements:

If you wish to submit this statement, please attach to your application and email or hand deliver per above instructions.





The Deer Are Back!

PLEASE SLOW DOWN - THE DEER ARE ARRIVING IN THE SHIRE

There have been many deer/vehicle collisions on Glenshire Drive and Hirschdale Road over the past few years! Please be aware!

The Glenshire region serves as a large part of the traditional deer migration corridor used by the Verdi sub-unit of the Loyaltown-Truckee Mule Deer Herd, for their winter and summer migration. Driving through this forested region, you would assume there were deer everywhere, but in fact only a single herd remains and their numbers are declining. Protecting habitat and limiting threats to this herd, especially along the migration corridor, is considered critical by many biologists, and it is up to us to help.

Deer are very active in our region spring through fall. They tend

to arrive in April/May and start migrating back to their wintering grounds October through December.

Factors in the decline of deer populations include habitat loss or change, predation (by both human and wildlife predators), vehicle collisions, and disturbance of doe-

fawn pairs by human-related factors including uncontrolled dogs.

We can all help in efforts to preserve this herd by driving carefully while watching for deer on sides of the roadways. These efforts will also help with increasing the safety of ourselves and other wildlife.



PLEASE BE AWARE OF SPEED LIMITS WHEN ENJOYING E-BIKES IN THE GDRA NEIGHBORHOODS. WITH SPEED COMES RESPONSIBILITY TO WATCH FOR WALKERS, CHILDREN, AND STOP SIGNS.





Denis Well

Denis is our helpful and cheerful part-time facility staff member. From decorating the Glenshire clubhouse for the Holidays to maintaining the Lake trails, tidying up the grounds and servicing the pool as needed, he is always working to make the Glenshire/Devonshire facilities function without a hitch.

He truly cares about our community members.

Denis has been semi-retired and working with the GDRA for roughly four years now. This time he’s retiring for good, we’ll see if it sticks! He is moving on to enjoy his retirement, spend time with his family, ski more, and travel more frequently. He will still be around to challenge us to a game of tennis on the courts.

We wish the absolute best to Denis and want to offer our deepest thanks for all his years of service and dedication.

Huge thanks, Denis, for always being so helpful! We look forward to seeing you on the courts!

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GDRA Board and Staff

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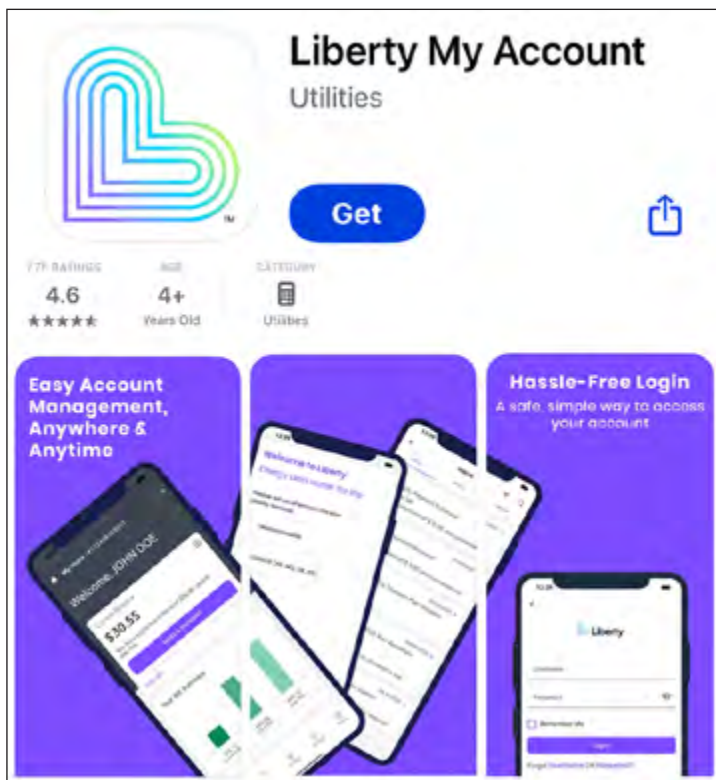
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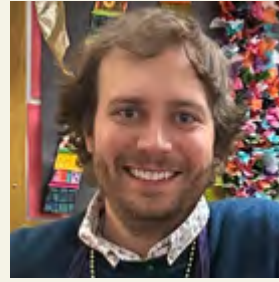
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What are the projects that you need to submit DRC applications for?

Most exterior improvement projects. Painting, staining, sheds, fencing, parking pads, siding, roofing, decks, additions, ADU's and the list goes on. If you have a project that you think might qualify, but it's not on this list, please contact drc@glenshiredevonshire.com for more information.

Who do you contact to submit DRC applications?

To submit a DRC Application, email drc@glenshiredevonshire.com. You can also visit the website to begin the application process.

Design Review Application Deadlines?

Applications must be submitted at least three weeks prior to the desired DRC meeting date you would like your project to be reviewed. The Design Review staff may request additional information after your initial application before the DRC meeting.

When do you need a Tree Removal Form?

When you are removing a tree, please reach out to GDRA before removing the tree(s) to submit a Tree Removal Form. We will have an inspector come out to evaluate if removing the tree is warranted before approving or denying the tree removal request.

Where do you find a Tree Removal Form?

Tree Removal Forms are found at www.glenshiredevonshire.com. You can either submit the form completely online, or you can download a PDF from the webpage and email the completed form to info@glenshiredevonshire.com.

Glenshire Devonshire Design Review Committee 2025 Meeting & Deadline Schedule

Meeting times are at 7:30am* currently being held virtually over Google Meet

Deadline for application submission	Committee Meetings
May 6	May 27
May 20	June 10
June 3	June 24
June 17	July 8
July 1	July 22
July 22	August 12
August 5	August 26
August 19	September 9
September 2	September 23
September 23	October 14
October 7	October 28
October 21	November 11
November 4	November 25
November 18	December 9

*Dates are subject to change. Meetings are held 2nd & 4th Tuesdays April-November, and just the 2nd Tuesdays December - March



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Dark Sky Lighting Rebates

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Program Eligibility & Benefits

- Rebates will be released on a first-come-first-serve basis until June 30, 2025 or until funds are expended.
- Available for commercial buildings, single-family homes, and multifamily housing buildings with a physical location within the Town of Truckee boundaries.
- Renters are eligible to apply with written approval from property owner, property manager on behalf of the property owner, or homeowners' association prior to installation. Send written approval to cta@sierrabusiness.org
- Covers 100% of qualified outdoor lighting equipment up to the specified rebate amount.
- Can cover cost of light bulbs if fixture amount is below rebate limit.
- Lighting fixtures with motion sensors will receive a \$20 bonus per fixture.

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A reminder to GDRA Members—Our CC&R's and Rules require light fixtures to be Dark Sky Compliant.

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Eastern Regional Firewise Coalition Event

Our Eastern Regional Firewise Coalition is hosting a Public Open House for our entire community on home and community wildfire preparation and prevention.

Where: The Steve Randall Recreation Center

Time: 12pm to 4pm

Date: The date will be on Saturday (8/16, 9/6, 9/13 or 9/20)

Our goal is simple: to increase our wildfire preparedness as a connected community.

It will be an inspiring day filled with product demos, knowledgeable speakers, and meaningful conversations. Let us know what topics most interest you.

Want to get involved?

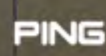
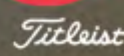
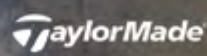
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Here's a common ember vulnerability in many Glenshire homes that we never hear about: imperfections in the original construction that allow ember entry. It's not uncommon for older Glenshire construction to have 20 or more such gaps. What about yours? Image used with permission of Yana Valachovic, UC Cooperative Extension.



The wood fence burned completely, but since someone cut the gate off, breaking the continuity to the house, the house was saved. We can't count on this kind of intervention occurring on both ends of all of the hundreds of fences in Glenshire. Image used with permission of Yana Valachovic, UC Cooperative Extension.

Lessons Learned from the LA Fires By Adrian Juncosa

Every few years, California has a fire that destroys a lot of homes and businesses. Every time, we hear that one factor or another was exceptional, but when it's happening every couple of years, that doesn't look very exceptional anymore. Instead, it's the new normal. There is no fire season anymore; this extends 12 months of the year in a lot of the state, and may soon do so in Truckee when there is reduced or no winter snow pack in our neighborhood.

The extensive forest management that Truckee Fire, using Measure T and grant funds, has done in recent years is essential to reducing the risk of a fire getting going within the neighborhood. But when one does, it will burn parts of Glenshire as an urban fire, house to shed to fence to house to firewood pile and so on. Data from formal and informal parcel inspections and from Truckee Fire staff statements in public meetings suggests our neighborhood achievement of defensible space standards is mediocre to poor, and that home hardening efforts are very limited. Without changing this behavioral landscape, the likelihood that Glenshire could lose many homes when our inevitable high-wind-driven fire arrives may be very high.

For decades, agencies and fire experts have been emphasizing the role of embers in igniting houses directly (having entered through vents), or indirectly by collecting in Zone 0 and igniting combustible vegetation or human materials (fences, outdoor furniture, etc.). This was obviously a major factor in both big Los Angeles fires, where many homes built after Chapter 7A (which

requires flame-resistant and ember-resistant structure exteriors) and commercial buildings with Class A roofs and non-combustible exterior walls, surrounded by roads, sidewalks, and parking lots, were total losses.

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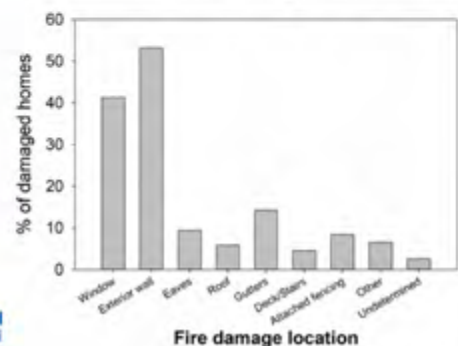
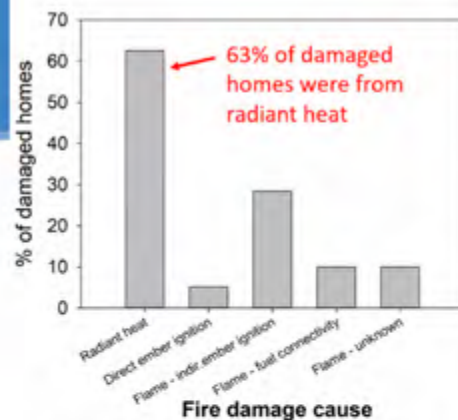


Paradise- radiant heat was a big factor for damaged homes



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Most houses are ignited directly or indirectly by embers, but in a densely built neighborhood, other routes become important. In the image here, the structures ignited other structures, and they all scorched the surrounding trees; the trees didn't catch fire and then ignite the houses. Image used with permission of Yana Valachovic, UC Cooperative Extension.

Since the biggest source of embers in neighborhoods, by far, is other burning houses, structural and yard fire resistance isn't an individual choice, it's a community responsibility.

The lesson for us? Check your vents (ALL of your vents) and be sure they're all screened with 1/8" mesh (not just 1/4"). But even that's not enough. Older Glenshire houses were often built without that much attention to little gaps around siding and doors, and the typical garage door has a significant gap either at the bottom (not that hard to remedy) or at the sides when it's closed. Those are ember entry points, and who doesn't have cardboard or snowblower fuel in the garage?

Evidence from Paradise, Los Angeles, and other fires shows that the proximity of combustible structures to one another is the major factor that determines whether a house survives or not. Part of this is because of the intensity of the ember storm from one burning house, but radiant heat and direct flame ignition also become very important when structures, including sheds and fences, are within 20-30 feet of each other. This is a big vulnerability in Glenshire where we have so many combustible things built or piled in close proximity. The long term condition should be replacement of

combustible sheds and elimination of exposed piles of lumber or firewood, but even without achieving that right away, we can clear the Zone 0 around sheds and fences and improve ember resistance with 1/8" metal mesh and by improving the doors. Lumber and firewood needs to be moved at least 20 feet from structures (preferably 30 feet or enclosed in a fire resistant enclosure).



Image from video recorded during the Palisades Fire, showing a huge ember storm emanating from just one burning home. The video also shows very few flying embers upwind of this house (proving that the house was the source), and spot fires in yards and on other houses downwind, which were ignited by these embers. For community survival, fire resistance of every house in the neighborhood is extremely important. Image used with permission of Michael Steinberg (full videos may be viewed on YouTube at NorCal Storm Chasing).



Home hardening to address vulnerable locations



This collage from IBHS shows some of the ways embers ignite houses. Note in the upper middle image that leaves (or in our case, pine needles) in the vinyl rain gutter caught fire and ignited the roof, then the burning gutter fell and would soon apply flame directly to the wall – even with a fairly clear Zone 0. Image used with permission of Yana Valachovic, UC Cooperative Extension.

Video recorded during and after the LA fires shows a lot of other things that are relevant to our local environment:

- The ember storms coming from burning houses are really impressive, emphasizing the importance of trying to prevent any ignitions of structures within a neighborhood.
- Plastic rain gutters ignite, and fire spreads to the roof structure, even with Class A sheathing.
- Some houses were apparently saved by firefighters cutting off the gate of an abutting wood fence, so the approach of eliminating fuel continuity is clearly effective.
- At least some kinds of wood mulch ignite from embers. If there is no nearby vegetation, this may be only a minor risk, but if there are shrubs above it, spread to structures is likely.
- Firewood piles are ignited by embers. One video clip on YouTube includes an on-site interview with an owner pointing



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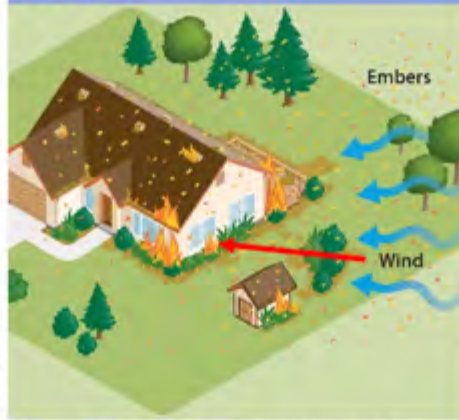
Pathways for wildfire

Direct flame contact



Defensible space implementation interrupts **fire pathways** and reduces the potential for direct flame contact

Embers



Home hardening with defensible space can help mitigate ember exposure

Radiant heat



Home hardening and fuel reduction can address potential radiant heat exposure

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Here in Glenshire, there's a lot more fuel in our parcels than the usual diagrams show, but it all contributes to fire spread. We need to be thinking about all the ways ignition happens. Image used with permission of Yana Valachovic, UC Cooperative Extension.

out a wood pile incompletely covered by a tarp, which ignited but was extinguished.

- Many parked vehicles were ignited by embers. Whether that happened within the engine compartment or on the pavement below (possibly aided by leaked oil) is not clear, but one video clip shows a parked RV with only its roof burning, so different things might happen. Vehicles burn very hot, so if they're parked close to structures, the radiant heat could ignite the building.
- Some plastic refuse containers melted or burned. Whether this has a role in houses being lost or damaged is not completely clear.
- Direct evidence of ignition of a house by nearby vegetation is limited, but exists, especially in the case of combustible material

or vegetation in Zone 0. This may be partially due to the good hydration of landscaping, or also to some factor related to the high wind speeds, but our neighborhood vegetation is very different (much more combustible) than the landscaping in Los Angeles, and if just one house ignites, the numbers show that many of the nearby

houses will also burn, so defensible space is vital to community survival.

Every single one of the thousands of individual fire stories is tragic for that family and heartbreaking for the rest of us to see, yet we can learn from them and resolve to do everything feasible to increase our community fire resistance, some good can be salvaged from these disasters.

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We are planning to open over Memorial Day weekend, with hours limited to weekends until school is out. Once we are fully open, we will offer morning lap swim and afternoon open swim. If instructors are available, we will offer swim lessons several hours a week. We will provide more details in the beginning of May via social media and email, or you can contact us by emailing pool@glenshiredevonshire.com or by calling 530.587.6202 ext.3.

Be aware, there's new pool software! We are consolidating two of our systems to save the Association (and homeowners) time and money. Please be prepared to sign into this new software and take a few minutes to set up the details for your household. You will be able to purchase pool passes, swim lessons, and easily complete liability waivers with this new system. We will post more information as the software comes online. You will be able to access it through the GDRA website.

Please reach out to the office with any questions during the setup of your new account

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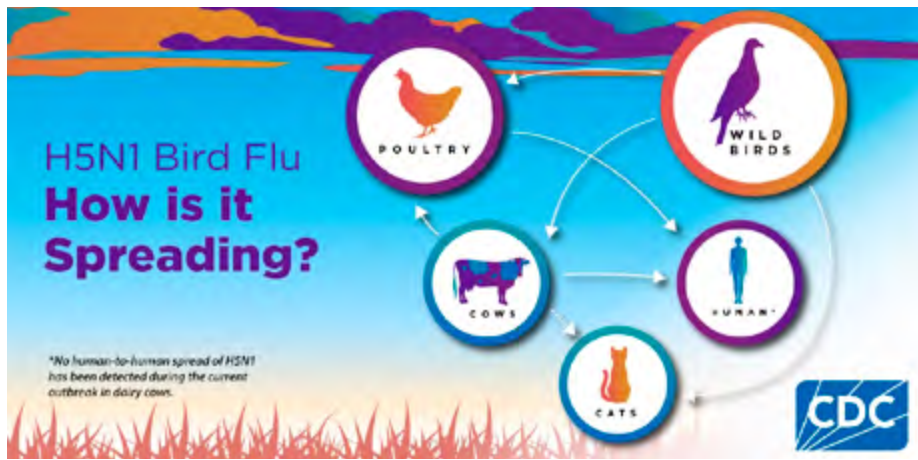
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Bird Flu, What To Do

We live in an area with a beautiful thriving selection of wildlife. Unfortunately, dangers sometimes lurk under the surface. Here are some tips on how to stay safe and protect yourself and your animals against exposure to the bird flu (scientifically known as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, or HPAI H5N1).

The good news is, there have been no cases of bird flu reported in Nevada County or the surrounding areas, but we can never be too proactive about taking care of ourselves and our animals.

If you encounter a dead bird, don't touch it! Call the Dead Bird Hotline (Nevada County Environmental Health): 877.968.2473.

If you are concerned about the risks of contracting bird flu, here are some recommendations from the CDPH:

- Avoid contact with infected animals
- Only consume pasteurized dairy products
- Cook poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165°F

Additionally, if you work or live around livestock, you can take these precautions:

- Wear PPE (goggles, gloves, coveralls, head covers, boots)
- Wash your hands after contact with animals or their environment
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

- Change your clothes and shower after working around animals

If you are concerned about possible exposure to the bird flu virus while you are enjoying walks on the many trails in Glenshire, you can use a shallow tray of diluted (10%) bleach on your porch to kill any pathogens on the bottom of your shoes. This safeguard is advised to homeowners who use the lake trails because this disease can spread rapidly among the wild waterfowl. Please be careful though, bleach can be harmful to pets if ingested, and cause irritation or burns to their paws if they come in contact with a concentrated form.

One of the best ways to protect your animals from potential exposure to the bird flu is to keep them away from any dead animals, monitor their health and behavior to catch any early symptoms, and avoid giving them any raw meat or unpasteurized milk. You can also consider keeping cats inside if they are prone to hunting birds.

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Dog Body Language

UNDERSTANDING YOUR DOG'S

SILENT COMMUNICATION by Dan Anderson

Dogs primarily communicate through body language, using subtle cues to express their emotions, intentions, and comfort levels. For trainers, understanding and interpreting these signals is essential for building trust and creating effective, compassionate training sessions. By paying attention to your dog's body language, you can respond appropriately, fostering a stronger bond and improving the learning process.

Why Body Language Matters

Because dogs don't use words, their body posture, facial expressions, and movements become their voice. For example, a wagging tail may indicate excitement, but depending on its speed and position, it could also signal anxiety. Observing these cues helps you determine whether your dog is ready to learn, needs a break, or feels overwhelmed.

Failing to recognize body language can lead to miscommunication, resulting in frustration for both dog and trainer. Stress signals during training sessions can hinder focus, making the experience less effective. In contrast, responding to signs of calm and engagement builds on your dog's positive emotional state, accelerating their ability to learn and retain new behaviors.

Key Body Language Signals

Being attuned to your dog's signals can improve communication and ensure their comfort during training. Some important cues to watch for include:

- **Relaxed and Ready:** A loose body, soft eyes, and a gently wagging tail indicate calmness and focus—ideal conditions for training.
- **Playful and Excited:** A play bow (front legs lowered, rear up), bouncy movements, or fast tail wags suggest enthusiasm and readiness to engage.
- **Stressed or Uncomfortable:** Signs like yawning, lip-licking, head-turning, or paw-lifting indicate mild unease. A tucked tail, flattened ears, or tense posture show increased stress.
- **Fear or Aggression:** Raised hackles, a stiff body, intense stares, or growling indicate your dog needs space and reassurance.

Adjusting Training Based on Body Language

Paying attention to body language allows you to adapt your training approach in real time. If your dog shows stress or discomfort, pause the session to give them a break or engage in calming activities like sniffing or

gentle petting. Conversely, signs of calm focus or playful energy suggest they're ready for new challenges.

By responding to your dog's cues, you show them that their feelings are acknowledged and respected. This strengthens their trust in you, making them more eager to participate in training sessions. Tailoring your methods to their emotional state ensures positive, productive outcomes.

Strengthening Communication

Focusing on body language enhances mutual understanding, deepens trust, and makes training more intuitive. By observing and responding effectively, you transform training into a collaborative, rewarding experience that strengthens your bond with your dog.

Dan "Tower" Anderson, a double-certified trainer (KPA-CTP, AD-PDT), has earned multiple Best Animal Trainer awards in Truckee and North Lake Tahoe, plus Congressional Recognition for excellence in Animal Training.



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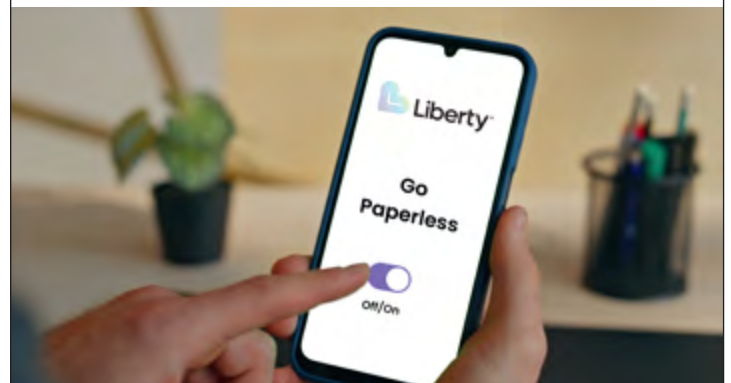


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Tennis Group

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Pool Opening Day

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Ukulele Class

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Harmony Class

Fridays 1pm - 2pm.

Ukulele and Harmony classes are both 8 week sessions. Contact Brooke Chabot at bchabot9@yahoo.com for more information about class content, or visit our website to sign up!

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Glenshire Tennis Group

We are a sports group of active men and women, tennis players of all ages, who are looking for fun, frequent exercise and socialization with our Glenshire neighbors, both on and off the tennis courts.

We meet at the GDRA tennis courts on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 am-11 am during the summer. Days and times may vary, depending on weather conditions. We balance teams with a pre-set play schedule, so partners are balanced against their opponents.

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- 21 GDRA Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 27 DRC Meeting, 7:30am

JUNE

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

JULY

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

AUG

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

In addition, on the first Sunday of each month we have a Sunset Social starting at 4pm with tennis, then a potluck dinner for the whole family afterwards.

We are generally limited to 8 players per session. However, exceptions are made. Those on the distribution list receive an email every Monday requesting their availability. If you're not available, there is no need to respond. Those who do respond are selected to play on a first come, first serve basis.

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For more information on the Glenshire Tennis Group and to be added to our weekly distribution list, contact Denis Weil at dweil@comcast.net or call or text 925.890.9127.

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Outdoor Maintenance Check List for Spring!

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Roof - Inspect roof, check for damage or missing shingles.

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