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Preventing Potholes, Dark Sky Lights and the Environment

By: GDRA General Manager Dan Warren

As most people will notice this issue of the Shire is being brought to you on newsprint instead of the heavy bonded glossy print that we have been using. We are weighing the pros and cons of changing and are looking for feedback. Please email us at glenshire1@sbcglobal.net and let us know what you think. In our list of pros we have: more environmentally friendly materials, less printing and mailing costs to the association. Cons: Not that big, bold, glossy look and not as durable for those who keep the Shire in their back pocket for quick reference and relaxing reading material.

This also reflects on the Association's continuing efforts to become more environmentally friendly. Many of the paper products that we are now using at the clubhouse are made from 100% recycled paper and a large percent of our cleaning products are now non-toxic and environmentally friendly. We have been experimenting with a vinegar and salt solution for a weed killer on the grounds. On the lawns we have been using various natural lawn treatments like ground feathers, oyster shell dust and other natural fertilizers. We still use some of the more traditional products but hope to slowly phase them out as the natural products become better and we learn how to use them to gain the best benefits.

In this issue we will also have information on Measure V, a continuation of a half cent sales tax for; road repair, pedestrian safety and drainage improvements to our local roads. There is also information on exterior lighting in Glenshire and Dark Sky Lighting that is becoming more commonplace throughout our country.

Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

BOARD MEETINGS AT 6:30 PM

- October 8, 2008
- November 12, 2008
- January 14, 2009

Design Review Committee Schedule

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

- October 14 & 28, 2008
- November 11 & 25, 2008
- December 9 & 23, 2008
- January 13 & 27, 2009



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Measure V - It's About Your Roads

Among very important issues on this upcoming election, such as the Presidential race, we have Measure V. What the heck is Measure V you may ask? For those of us that were around Truckee in the 1990's, we can remember when Glenshire Drive didn't need a speed limit posted because if you drove faster than 40mph one of the thousands of pot holes caused some sort of suspension damage. The alignment shops had three month waiting lists and Jibbom Street looked like a scene out of WWII movie based on the trials of the Burma Road.

In 1998 72% of Truckee citizens said they were tired of losing suspension parts and passed measure A, a half cent sales tax to be used for road repair only. Measure A will sunset in 2010 and Measure V is a continuation of the same tax. So the rates will not change if Measure V passes. If there was ever a good thing that could be said about a tax, it is that this money can't be taken away by the Federal, State or County governments to fix their oversights. It is also not a bond so you don't up paying half of the money back to a bank in interest. This money is Truckee's and Truckee's only. Measure V money can only be used for the following:

- Fix potholes, pave, repair and maintain local roads
- Improve local roadway safety for drivers, bicyclist and pedestrians
- Make it safer for local students walking or biking to and from school
- Upgrade local roadway drainage to protect local water quality



Don't let this happen to our roads!

Since I have been working as the General Manager at Glenshire I have been lobbying the Town of Truckee to get the rebuild of Glenshire Drive put near the top of the list of repairs of roads. As the wear from the tires digs deeper swales into Glenshire Drive the road becomes more dangerous to drive and will start to pothole soon. With Measure V the rebuild can be as close as 5 years away. Without Measure V it may just be patching of potholes with no major repairs. The Glenshire board of Directors has endorsed Measure V and is encouraging Glenshire residents to vote yes on this measure.

It's Fall Clean Up Time

Donate - Recycle - Store

With winter just around the corner it is a good time to take a look around your property and pick up and store any of those items that have accumulated over the summer. When the weather is dry, like our typical summers, it is easy to let items accumulate outside. With the possibilities of heavy snow most of those items will get ruined if left out and create a wasteful cleaning project next spring. It is better to donate, recycle or store those items than to let them turn to trash. Picking up those items also keeps our community looking nice and hopefully helping out someone else at the same time.



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Are you interested in keeping Glenshire Devonshire a great place to live?

We have openings in several committees and would encourage residents to take pride in their local community and join one to help make a difference.

Open Space Committee:

This group of residents benefits our community by walking our 236 acres of open space (green belts) picking up trash, eradicating noxious, invasive weeds, re-routing improper user-built trails, talking to homeowners that are using our open space as a dumping ground for their pine needles, brush and lawn clippings, and are involved in reducing the fire danger in the open space. If you value open space this is a great opportunity to help make it better. Send us an email at glenshire1@sbcglobal.net to join.

Design and Review Committee:

This is a very important group of dedicated residents that review applications for new construction, additions, fences, sheds and other property improvements.

Compliance Committee:

Working with the GDRA staff, this committee helps maintain existing residents in the scope of the Glenshire CC&R's. Have you seen one of those houses that look like the set for Sanford and Son (1970's TV show about a junk yard)? The compliance committee members help the GDRA staff in inspecting properties and following up with them to help them understand and come into compliance with the CC&R's.

Special thanks from the GDRA board and staff goes out to Dave Gemme. Dave is the Chairman of the GDRA trails committee and has put in many hours of hard work in trying to connect all of Glenshire and Devonshire together with trails in the recreational easements as well as the open space areas. Dave has also been out in the trenches getting dirty while working on the Lake Trail this fall.



Dave Gemme - working on trails



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COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING

Dark Sky Lighting

By: Dan Warren

As I was nearing my first summer as the general manager for the Glenshire Devonshire Residents Association, I started to reflect back on some my first experiences. One experience that comes to mind is that Vicki gave me Glenshire ball cap. On the back of the ball cap is written, "Glenshire, where the stars shine brighter." Makes sense, I thought. No light pollution from any commercial centers and not too close to the glowing band of Interstate 80. Glenshire is one of those nice areas set just far enough away to enjoy the night sky. I had heard that the Town of Truckee was thinking of adopting a "Dark Sky" ordinance so I studied up on what is considered "Dark Sky" certified lighting. I then studied up on the CC&R's and found that who ever wrote the CC&R's was way ahead of their time. It all made sense as a benefit not only for the night safety but as a way to keep light pollution at a minimum. Section 6.10 of our CC&R's addresses lighting and can be found online at glenshiredevonshire.com. Here are a couple of the important sections.

(a) Exterior structure lighting shall be minimized with an emphasis on safety and shall be consistent with the architectural design and overall light levels shall be compatible with the neighborhood light level with emphasis on a few well placed, low intensity lights from which the direct light source is not visible.

(c) All exterior lighting shall be directed downward and the light source shall be fully shielded with opaque material(s).

I thought, um.... this is probably why I point the flashlight towards the area I want to see and not back into my eyes. When you look into direct lighting, such as flood light, the only thing that you can see is the light. This is like pointing a flashlight into your face as you walk through the woods.

This prompted me to look at all of the lighting at the club house and change the direction of some of the flood lights and put shields on others. If you drive by the clubhouse at night take a look at the two front lights: one light with a shield and one without. You will see a difference.

Many people have asked what they can do if they have existing lights that are not in compliance with the CC&R's. Through experiments we have found that pointing flood lights down if they have shields on them, adding shields (I found some online) or make your own shields (I've done this as well). For fixed fixtures with clear glass you can use shields around the light bulb inside the fixture, use diffusers or paint the glass with a minimum of three coats of frosted glass paint or two layers of beige paint.

This may be a good time to upgrade or change your existing lights. After I learned about Dark Sky lights and our CC&R's I took a good look at my house just to discover not only were my lights not compliant but they didn't look that nice. I did some shopping and found some very nice lights that were not that expensive. When shopping I called some of the local light suppliers as well as typing in "Dark Sky Lighting" into Google and found more exterior light fixtures than I new could exist.

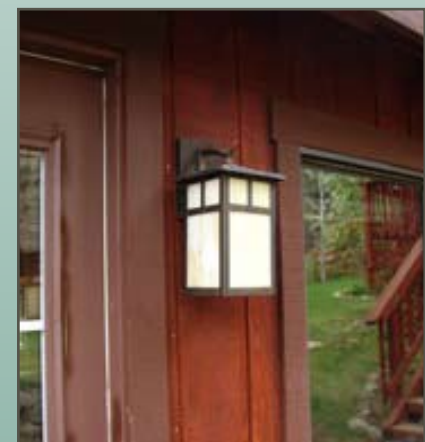
We encourage all Glenshire Devonshire residents to turn on their exterior lighting some evening and walk the perimeter of their property and see if there is any areas where they can see the direct light source. Join the rest of the residents in Glenshire who are seeing the benefits of seeing the stars at night and using Dark Sky lighting. Don't forget to turn out the lights when you are done and enjoy the night sky.



Improper Lighting



Proper Lighting



Proper Lighting



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal (TTSD) is once again taking appointments for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection days at the Eastern Regional Landfill (located on Cabin Creek Road off HWY 89 South). Disposing of HHW is free to residents living within the TTSD service area (Truckee, Tahoe City to Kings Beach and the West Shore). Schedule of residential collection days are by appointment on the following Saturdays and are FREE. Please call (530) 583-0148 for your appointment: September 27, October 11 and November 8, 2008.

What is HHW?

Many households have a variety of items under the sink and in the garage that classify as HHW and need to be properly disposed of to prevent threats to public health and the environment. Not sure if what you have classifies? Look for any of these key words to assist you in identifying HHW. HHW is any chemical product in your home that is toxic, flammable, combustible, explosive, corrosive, or otherwise dangerous. REMEMBER: It is illegal to dispose of these materials in your garbage!

Items NOT Accepted Include:

Explosives/ammunition (for information on the proper disposal please call 582-2909), Asbestos, Radioactive materials, Gas cylinders and Biohazards (syringes in rigid plastic containers).

Items accepted at the HHW collection event include:

Aerosol cans	All purpose cleaner
Ammonia	Automotive chemicals
Brake fluid	Chlorine bleach
Contaminated gasoline	Contaminated motor oil
Disinfectants	Drain opener
Florescent lamps/bulbs	Furniture polish
Herbicides	Household batteries
Insecticides	Oven cleaner
Paint	Pesticides
Poisons	Pool chemicals
Rubber cement	Rug cleaner
Silver polish	Solvents
Toilet cleaner	Tub/tile cleaner

Tips for Handling Household Hazardous Waste

- Transport liquids in a spill/leak-proof container.
- Keep hazardous products in their original containers with label securely attached and readable.
- Store waste in a cool, dry place and out of reach of children.


When Purchasing Hazardous Products

- Buy only as much of the material as you need and/or share excess with friends and neighbors.
- Whenever possible, find non-toxic alternatives to products that are known to be toxic, flammable, combustible, explosive, corrosive, or otherwise, dangerous. If a product says "danger", "caution", "warning", or "poison", it is HHW.
- To download Nevada County's Choose Again Booklet, a booklet dedicated to safe Alternatives to chemicals, log onto www.nevadacountyrecycles.com.

Please call (530) 583-0148 for your appointment.

**RESTRICTIONS: Limit per visit -
50 gallons or 125 pounds.**

Jamie Brimer



For Town Council

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Visit us online at glenshiredevonshire.com. The website is loaded with information; CC&R's, Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Regulations, Clubhouse Rental Information, The Shire, Pool Schedule, Board Meeting Minutes, and more. All may be downloaded. As always, feedback, whether critical or complimentary, is important to us. Can't find what you're looking for? Email us at glenshire1@sbcglobal.net.

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Household Battery Recycling at the Clubhouse

In 2006 the state of California passed legislation making it unlawful to throw household batteries in the trash. So what to do with the old batteries? The Glenshire Clubhouse is now a drop off point for your old batteries. Call 587-6202 or stop by Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM and we will make sure your batteries are recycled properly.

Glenshire Lake

Recreational activities in or on the lake, such as swimming, ice-skating or other similar activities, are not endorsed or recommended by the Association. The Association assumes no responsibility for any such use. Please enjoy the beauty and please pick up your trash and belongings.

Clubhouse Dumpster

The trash container in the parking lot enclosed with a wooden fence is Not For Public Use. Please do not dump your personal trash without permission. If we have room, we don't mind helping, but please ask!

Church Service

Faith Baptist Church meets every Sunday. Service is at 10:00am. For more information call Pastor Wood at (775) 750-8856.

Play Date Preschool and School Age Program

Play Date Preschool and School Age offers our community before and after school childcare at the Clubhouse. It's for children from Kindergarten to fifth grade, 7:00 AM to 8:45 AM and 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM. In addition to daily care, an ACTIVE and FUN Summer Recreational Program began in June. Summer program includes swimming at the Clubhouse pool on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and off-site field trips Tuesday and Thursday. Please call (530) 582-0441 to reach Darlene Wilson, Owner/Director.

Dog Training Classes

BASIC COMPANIONSHIP was designed for puppies and dogs 6 months and older who have not had any previous formal training. Classes cover basic manners and are taught using gentle, effective, and innovative techniques to guide the dogs through their learning process. Advanced classes are also offered for graduates of Basic Companionship as well as Kindergarten Puppy Training. Jeanie Collins Duffield is a certified trainer and obedience instructor with over 20 years experience working with dogs and puppies of all ages. For more information, call Jeanie at (530) 400-3647.



Lake Trail Fund Raising Campaign

If you haven't made a donation to the Lake Trail yet, please take a minute and send it to the Glenshire Lake Trail Project, c/o Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation, P.O. Box 366, Truckee, CA 96161. Stop by the Clubhouse and view the color rendition of the lake and trail with boardwalk, bridge, signage and landscaping. Better yet, take a quick stroll along the section that has been completed.

Other Info...

Remember that Thursday is garbage day. Please keep your garbage cans secured and your dogs confined. It's a good idea to put your garbage out in the morning, not the night before. Don't forget to put your garbage can away after garbage pick up. Let's try to keep the garbage off of our streets and out of the open space.

FREE Contractor Directory Now Available

The 2008 Contractor Directory is now available by calling the Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe (CATT), (530) 550-9999 or emailing a request to: info@ca-tt.com. There is no charge to receive a copy. The Directory is published by CATT and includes more than 200 names of local builders, associated professionals, suppliers, and others involved with the construction industry in the Truckee/North Tahoe region. Pick up your copy at the Association Office.

A Special Request...

As a courtesy to our neighbors we need to respect their property. There is a lot of private property that surrounds Glenshire and before you enter into those areas you should obtain permission. Juniper Hills is now being regularly patrolled by the Truckee Police Department and they will be issuing citations to trespassers. Waddle Ranch area is for non motorized recreation. Please be aware of whose property you are on and respect the land and others around you.

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We would like to welcome 2 new board members to Glenshire Devonshire Residents Association - Kris Hanson and Monica Bock.

Both are a welcome addition to our already dedicated board. Kris and Monica are concerned with the environment of our community and feel it is important to participate in ways that will make a difference for our local community of Glenshire.

Kris is bringing to us a strong, background in environmental concerns. Kris was instrumental in changing out the lighting at Glenshire's clubhouse from incandescent lighting to CFLs, helping to lower our electric use. We are looking forward to Kris' diligent attention to project management and his concerns with making creative solutions to the major or minor problems that families and neighbors face as residents.

Monica has a strong vested interest in Glenshire. She has lived here for the last ten years and is a 5th grade teacher at Glenshire Elementary School. Monica's family is one of the original home owners with their house being one of the first houses built in Glenshire. This has allowed Monica see the changes over the years that have happened in Glenshire. Living and working in Glenshire truly makes Glenshire Monica's home.

They will be joining veteran incumbents: Dan Engler, Don Boehm, and Manon Celaya-Willingham.

Your Glenshire Devonshire Residents Association Board of Directors

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- Dan Engler -- Vice President
- Kris Hanson -- Treasurer
- Monica Bock -- Secretary
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