

SHIRE – October 2003

Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

October 8	6:30 PM
November 12	6:30 PM
January 14	6:30 PM

Design Review Committee Schedule

Tuesdays	9:00 AM
October 14 & 28	November 11 & 25
December 9 & 23	January 13 & 27

Board of Directors

Bill Thomason, President
Kim Sachtler, Vice President
Manon Willingham, Secretary
Dan Engler, Treasurer
Wayne Scholl, Director

Website glenshiredevonshire.com

Glenshire/Devonshire Bulletin Board

Glenshiredevonshire.com

The Associations new website is online! Glenshiredevonshire.com is up and running. While some links are still under construction, you can download the: CC&R's & Bylaws, Policies, Rules & Regulations, Clubhouse Rental Information, The Shire, Pool Schedule, Friday Night Movie Schedule, Board Meeting Minutes, and more. You can meet the Board of Directors and the Design Review Committee. As always, feel free to comment and give any recommendations, we are open to suggestions. Thank you Paul Hamill for creating our website.

Glenshire Lake

Use of the lake for recreational swimming, ice skating or other such activity is not endorsed by the Association. Recreational activities are not recommended and 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 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!

Recycle Bin

The recycle station located in the parking lot accepts cardboard, newspaper, magazines, glass, plastic, aluminum and tin. Please-No Hazardous Material. The recycle bin is emptied four times a week (usually Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday), **Please, do not leave recyclables outside the bin if it is full.**

Play Date Preschool and School Age Program

Play Date Preschool and School Age offers our community after-school child care at the Clubhouse for children Kindergarten to 5th grade 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm. In addition to daily care they offer Parents Night Out on select Fridays, call for dates. ACTIVE and FUN Summer Recreational Programs begin in June. Summer program includes swimming at the Clubhouse pool on M,W,F and off site field trips T, TH. Please call (530) 582-0441 to reach Darlene Wilson, Owner/Director.

Total Fitness

GET IN SHAPE AND FEEL GREAT! Enjoy motivating, fun-filled exercise classes with Tina Miguel. Classes include the latest fitness crazes, JAB n JAM kick boxing, Hi Lo Combo, and Interval Sports/Circuit Training. All classes are taught with hi/lo intensity intervals to suit students of ALL fitness levels. Each class begins with warm up and ends with strength and toning, followed by a full body stretch. Hours are 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. Drop in \$7, 5 Punch card \$25, Monthly unlimited \$40. For more information call Tina at 550-1297.

Church Service

Faith Baptist Church meets every Sunday. Service is at 10:00 am. For more information call Pastor Wood at 582-8478.

Friday Night Movies

Friday night movies will resume October 10. Schedules are available at the clubhouse or online. Movies start promptly at 7:00 pm. Parents are required to sign-in their children. Movies are for children 5 to 10 years and are rated G or PG (parents are welcome). Please be prompt when picking up your children. Thank you Carl Oberriter for coordinating this effort.

Yoga/Stretch Class

Will start again in October. Call Nessa at 587-5943 for more information.

Puppy Training

Puppy training for puppies 9 weeks to 5 months of age with Canine Behavior Consultant, Jeanie Collins Duffield. Classes cover house training, chewing, biting, basic commands, problem prevention and more. For class information and Adult Dog Training call Jeanie at 587-4499.

Fire Safety Video

The Truckee Fire District has provided the Association with several copies of the video "Fire Safe Inside & Out". Check it out at the office, or call 587-6202 for more information.

Lake Trail Fund Raising Campaign

If you haven't made your donation to the lake trail yet, take a minute and mail it to the Glenshire Lake Trail Project, care of the 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.

Other Info....

Remember that Thursday is garbage day. Please keep your garbage cans secured and your dogs confined. Let's try to keep the garbage off of our streets and out of the open space.

Annual Meeting 2003

Two new board members, Dan Engler and Manon Willingham, and incumbent Bill Thomason were officially elected on Saturday, September 6. A quorum of 25% was barely reached late Friday afternoon.

The new board members were received with appreciation by a small group of membership and town officials.

The Town of Truckee report was presented by Glenshire resident and Town Manager Steve Wright. This fall the last of all our neighborhood roads will have been paved in less than five years. Because of our TSSA (snow removal/road maintenance assessment) our roads will receive a slurry overcoat every three years compared to five years for the rest of town and a 2" overlay every ten years in comparison to fifteen on the remaining local town roads.

Glenshire did receive the "honorable" distinction of having the most animal control complaints for "dogs at large". Tahoe Donner was a close second.

The last phase of the Cambrigde development broke ground the first week of August. Sixty -six quarter acre lots will be eventually developed. The access to the new phase is by way of Courtenay Lane or Lance Drive.

The Glenshire area snow removal contract is up for bid this fall. Halls Excavating has been our provider since the town starting contracting out this service.

Town Mayor Ted Owens reported the development in east Glenshire is the Tahoe Boca Estates project that could bring up to 280 additional lots. The Association was encouraged to actively be involved with the General Plan Update and the road and traffic impacts new development may bring.

Captain Gary Botto of the Truckee Fire District announced effective September 7th, the Glenshire Fire Station will be staffed during the days and full-time staff will be on duty by this November.

The meeting ended with special thanks to Roy Hoffman, who came out of retirement to fill a four month board position and the recognition of a tremendous board member, Bill Davidson, who has stepped down after serving on the board and Design Review committee for the past eight years.

General Manager Message

Fodder For A Glenshire Fall

Before your read Fall Fodder I want everyone to know how terrific outgoing board president Bill Davidson was and the incredible responsibility he took on for his community. Bill was the conscience of our board. For eight years Bill's position was about common sense and fairness. He was never a man to knee jerk into a decision because of an outspoken minority and never a man to let a controversial issue effect his understanding of right and wrong. Bill was not about power or winning. He was about doing the right thing simply because it is the right thing to do. Thank you Bill, I will treasure the time I worked for you.

For the fourth straight year the annual dues for 2004 will stay at \$200 and no special assessment is anticipated. It is likely that the year 2005 will see a moderate increase.

Our lifeguard staff is full of top-notch swimmers. Lauren Browning is going to UNLV on a swim scholarship and Truckee High senior John Pittenger is a High School All - American.

Will Marshman took the final steps to become an Eagle Scout by installing a phase of trail across the dam for his scout project.

Three totem poles created by last years 5th grade class at Glenshire Elementary are ready to be installed by the main trailhead this fall. They will be a great addition to our trail project. The wetlands mitigation required by Lahanton will hopefully be done this fall too.

Don't forget the roads up in Juniper Hills are private and not for our use unless you are a guest of their membership.

Pool attendance average was over 100 per day for the months of June and July. August was weather nightmare. I can't remember the last time August was so wet.

The ever popular "property inspections" were helpful again, despite the whining and bad mouthing. Property values have never been higher nor has the subdivision looked better.

More on property inspections: The property on Manchester that looks like a staging area for Cal Trans is not part of our Association. Call the Town of Truckee Compliance Department for questions, comments or suggestions on this parcel.

Attention all Used Car Sellers: the Gateway to Glenshire is not your private car sales lot. Have some courtesy and put an ad in the paper. No one wants to look at a bunch of used vehicles on the way in to our homes.

Garbage fees are going up. Don't forget to use blue bags for recycling, it's free.

Lake Trail Capital Campaign Update

To date the Truckee Community Foundation has received \$3,165 on our behalf from membership toward the building of our trail.

The Association has also received support from the Cambridge Homeowners Association to have the Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District allocate \$25,000 from Quimby fees generated by their development. Our open space is dedicated for public use and therefore meets the main criteria for the use of these fees.

This winter a separate mailing to the Truckee business community will be developed to encourage local participation to help build our trail system.

For more information on getting involved or donating to the project please call the Association office.

LAKE TRAIL DONATION UPDATE

We want to recognize the first donations to the Lake Trail Fund. To date the campaign has raised \$3,165 for the Lake Trail. These include:

Business Donations:

CPM-California Pavement Maintenance Co.

Boardwalk Plank Sponsorships:

Vicki & Mike Connell

Ms. Kathryn Rittner-Echols

Paquita Bath & Allen Rosenfeld

Hoekman Builders

Carole & Walter Kilik

Sean & Susan Dowling

Donald & Lauren Schmidt

Robert & Martha Helseth

Kym Kelley

Jamie Barbor

Janet & Timothy Taylor

J. M. & Irene Bateman

Christopher & Kristin Thompson

Robert & Marcia Klein

Ronald Reynolds

Tom & Carla Beebe

Wendy & John Pugh

Kelly Takemoto & Gordon Durand

Tom & Lynn Meadows

Jane & Doug Carlson

Mark & Becky Stebbins

Caren & Tom Schatz

Christopher & Ann Askin

General Donations:

Wayne Scholl
Lorna & Jeff Shepard
Donald R. Gay
Richard Kannisto
M. Brown Leffler
Joyce & Lanny Shorts
Andrea Thomas
Bette Sutherlin

Our Truckee River Legacy Trail... Gateway to Glenshire?

By Chris Askin

It's coming! Mile by mile and meeting by meeting Our Truckee River Legacy trail is getting closer to Glenshire. The first mile, ending at the bridge at East River Street, was dedicated in 2002. Next year it is likely the trail will be extended another mile to the new ball fields on Joerger Drive.

As you can see on the illustration, a great deal of work has been done on the trail alignment. Studies are well underway to ensure the trail does not disturb wetland areas or cultural resources. Issues such as liability, trail ownership, and ongoing maintenance are being settled as well. Although taking years to complete, Our Truckee River Legacy Trail will be a treasure that helps us and our children learn about, appreciate, and treasure one of the most important natural and historical assets in our region.

Prior to the sale of the Glenshire Mutual Water Company, its Board of Directors ensured our access to this trail by deeding a trail easement through their property at the entrance to our neighborhood. The Truckee Donner PUD is now considering the disposition of the property, and is working to sell the property to reduce monthly bills to residents of Glenshire for the water system upgrade. The zoning on the property is highly restrictive, and it is possible the half of the property on the east side of the road (3 acres on your right as you approach the Glenshire/Devonshire entrance sign) would remain as open space. Although, in private ownership, it is possible the property could be fenced or otherwise developed in the future. The dedication of some or all of the eastern portion of the property as open space could have little to no effect on reducing monthly bills due to the restrictions on the property and the proportion of the property value to the amount owed to the Truckee Donner PUD.

The question is, do we want more than a trail at the gateway to our neighborhood? The Truckee Donner PUD may consider an arrangement that results in the dedication of the eastern half of the property for recreational use/open space. If this occurs, we may have the option in the future of using that space for a trailhead staging area with parking and perhaps interpretive information on the trail.

It is important that we let the Truckee Donner PUD, the Town of Truckee and the GDRA Board of Directors know how we would like the property used. We could support the existing trail easement and let the property go into private ownership, we could support the property being dedicated as open space that could be used as a potential trail head site, or we could support development of part of the property with the rest being designated as open space. It's important to let the GDRA Board of Directors know your feelings. Our Board will consider a recommendation, but wants to hear from you before doing so.

The development of a trail system in our community... a system that can be used by people of all ages and physical abilities is a key step in enjoying, understanding, appreciating, and accessing our community and our environment. With the Glenshire Lake Trail Project we have taken our first step in developing a system in our neighborhood. Thanks to Truckee Rotary Club, Town of Truckee, Truckee Donner Recreation & Park District, Truckee Trails Foundation, TTSA, TSD, and countless others, there will come a day when we and our children can hike or bike to town safely and through a beautiful river corridor. A monumental effort like Our Truckee River Legacy trail requires an extraordinary level of support by the entire community. Thanks for doing your part!

History Corner

The mystery of "Union Mills" is still unsolved as of press time, but we are a little closer to understanding some of the related history for Glenshire - 120 years ago. An 1880 Nevada County map shows "Union Mills" as a railroad station on the main transcontinental line from the west to east coasts (see map #1). Note that the station appears to be north of the Truckee River and RR tracks – not on our side of the River but in the neighborhood, so to speak. A 1913 County map also illustrates the same geographic location for Union Mills.

According to the US Geological Survey, the nation's mapping agency, the Glenshire area is actually known as "Union Valley." On a 1992 USGS map, Union Mills is depicted as an historic "site" east of the Glenshire Store (see map #2). The Union Mills "historic site" designation is also found on a 1986 Forest Service map. The more recent maps showing "Union Mills" do not correspond to the 1880 or 1913 County maps. Where is the real location of Union Mills? Could there be two sites with the same name? What's the explanation?

Union Pacific RR archivists in Council Bluff, Iowa are doing a search for us and may find reference to the actual surveyed location of the RR station and significance of the name. The transcontinental line was laid out in the same era as the Civil War – was “Union Mills” a tribute to the Union Army? Timber harvesting records state that a sawmill was located in “Union Valley” from 1891 to 1896. Was there a road that connected the sawmill here to a RR station on the north side of the river? Another clue may be found by examining a February 1960 photo of a train traveling westbound in the Truckee River canyon. The photo caption reads “Near the old station of Union Mills.” The remnants of buildings are barely visible on the banks above the Truckee River. Your History Corner reporter will be traversing the hills to try and find the exact matching location of the 1960 photo. And UPRR may come up with something as well. So stay tuned for more.

In the next issue, we’ll share reflections from one of the first residents of Glenshire – before the roads were even paved! If you have photos, maps, or documents that can shed some light onto Glenshire’s past, please contact me at 582-4068 or davison@sierra.net. Your treasures can help all us understand and appreciate how our little corner of the world has evolved through recent time.

Pat Davison