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A front stair tread question was raised at the end of the Zoom meeting. The treads that currently need repair will be repaired sometime this fall and in two years we will replace the front treads of all the units.

Remember to leave your thermostats **set no lower than 60 degrees** and turn your water system off if you aren't there (and don't rent). If you have questions about how to do this contact Don or Serge. -- Don Bemis - CW General Manager

Annual Meeting - Summary

The Homeowners Annual Meeting was held virtually on September 12 through Zoom. The officers were in the Lodge and provided very informative summaries of their work during the past year. Some of the highlights included all the work that General Manager, Don Bemis, and his crew had performed during the past year including new garbage containers, pine needle and brush removal, fence extensions, new swimming pool tiles and bat exclusion. It was also mentioned that Carnelian Woods Services' revenue for their work amounted to \$517,000.

The Long Term Planning Committee has addressed roofs, the pool, siding, bike paths, undeveloped lots, and forestry among its many issues. In terms of insurance it is likely to be more expensive in the coming years because of all the fires in Northern California.

The main issue for the Government Agencies and Local Outreach Committee has been a proposed bike path that may affect Carnelian Woods. Various proposals for the route have been put forward. More information will be available on our website and homeowners, especially bike riders, are encouraged to make public comments.

The Forestry Committee has applied for a \$40,000 grant to pay skilled workers to clean up Carnelian Creek. The Tahoe Conservancy has offered to assist. Agate Bay may apply for Firewise USA certification which would be a fire prevention asset for Carnelian Woods.

Two new Board Members, Karen Cleland and Fran Swanson, were elected and Dave Sullivan was re-elected.

Minutes will be posted on the CW website after the November 7 Board Meeting.

Special thanks

Thank you, Lee Shuff

Many of the owners of the 118 units at Carnelian Woods have not even owned their units for 21 years let alone served on the HOA Board for that long. Yes, it is not everyone who sets aside this amount of time to "help and serve" their fellow home owners. Lee did, and during his tenure on the board he served as both Vice-President and President as well as chaired several committees. He is admired and respected by all members of the board and his knowledge and leadership will be missed.

As his time serving on the board is now past his dedication is still present. Lee will continue to serve as the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee for the next few years. This committee has become his passion and he wants to fine-tune a few more items before "letting go". We all need to be sure to say a huge "Thank-you" to Lee, as it is well deserved.

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Thank you, Kathy Witt

The board wishes to thank Kathy Witt for her time and dedication this past year. Kathy came onto the board this past year to complete the three-year term that Tom Duffy had vacated. Due to her efforts and leadership she set up the Government Agencies and Local Outreach Committee and made it function as never before. She will continue to be an active member of this committee. Your time and efforts have been very much appreciated!

Welcome New Board Members

Karen Cleland #152 - After being briefly on the Forestry and Hospitality committees and having been coming to CW since the mid 1970's, I realized I wanted to be more involved and help out with the board. As a new board member, I will be chairing the Communications Committee to help with the Communicator newsletter and the website. If you have any suggestions or topic ideas, please let me know.

Fran Swanson #134 - My wife, Susan, and I have been coming here since 1992 and have seen many improvements over the years. After service in the Army, I had a career in computer software progressing from a programmer to CEO. I retired in 1997 which enabled us to spend more time here. I have been on the Forestry Committee for the last several years. I will now be chairing the Government Agencies and Local Outreach Committee.

Hospitality Committee

Although 2020 became a tough year for in-person socializing, before Covid hit the Hospitality Committee had a cozy holiday mixer and a great turnout for the Souper Bowl. We are looking forward to planning future events when the world opens up again.

Bear Tips

Never feed wildlife. This encourages unnatural and harmful foraging behavior.

Never leave food, food wrappers, or anything scented (even toothpaste) in vehicles.

Keep BBQ grills clean.

Place all garbage in dumpsters (never on top or next to) and secure the dumpster chain.

If the dumpster is full, find another dumpster.

Keep unit doors and windows closed and locked at night, and when the unit is unoccupied.

If a bear enters the unit while you are present, keep out of its way and do not block its escape route.

Facilities Updates

Pool - closed.

Hot tubs and sauna - closed until further notice per Placer County Health Department.

Lodge hours - Monday-Friday 8 am - 4 pm

Fall Maintenance - November 2020 - (includes inspection of fire extinguishers and main water valve)

Wood fireplace inspections - October 27-30, 2020.

Kayak racks/Boat parking area - need to be cleared out by November 1, 2020.

Please remember to VOTE!!