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[www.carnelianwoods.org](http://www.carnelianwoods.org)

Please check your contact information in the Members Section of our website to make certain it is current. To get the password email Serge [serge@carnelianbay.net](mailto:serge@carnelianbay.net).

## Tahoe Fun Fact

Nearly 6000 community members and visitors rode bike-sharing LimeBikes last year, making almost 13,000 trips around the South Shore.

Source:  
[tahoeindepth.org](http://tahoeindepth.org)

## Don's Corner

The CW crew and I are ready for the white stuff. We just acquired a new Dyna Max plow blade for the loader so we'll be able to handle whatever is dumped on us now.

Fall maintenance of units has been completed. New five-pound fire extinguishers are installed on walls of every unit per fire code.

**Happy New Year to all!** -- Don

## Carnelian Woods Updates

### Gas Barbecue Update

During the CW Board of Directors meeting held on November 11 the board met with the Fire Marshal Todd Conradson and his team. The two-hour meeting led both parties to agreeing that more time is needed to review how Carnelian Woods would be able to use natural gas barbecues on their decks.

We have a long road to travel prior to this being a "done deal" but natural gas barbecues may still be a possibility. Don Bemiss is currently working closely with members of the Fire Team on concepts and specifications. It is hope that by early Spring we will know how we can move forward. We will keep you posted as new information is available.

### Celia's Corner - Forestry Report

Wildfires continue to ravage California, even into the New Year. As of December 31st, Lake Tahoe has received very little precipitation. If this trend continues, we will experience dangerously dry conditions this summer and fall. Our Townhouse Association will be working with our neighboring property owners, the Forest service, and the Tahoe Conservancy to reduce our collective fire vulnerability. We will also continue to reduce the fuel loads on our property by thinning and trimming trees, removing dead trees, aggressively trimming and removing all other flammable vegetation and raking pine needles away from our buildings.

We will again have our rake-off party this summer. Look for flyers about our July 8th event. If you can't join us then, please consider borrowing rakes and gloves from the office and doing some pine needle raking when it's convenient for you.

**News Flash** - The Pavilion has been renovated for family use and is now leased to a family for a year.

**Mark your Calendars for the next annual meeting - Sat., Sept. 15, 2018**

## **CWTA Board of Directors**

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## **Meet our New President - Mike Proffitt**

Lake Tahoe has been a very special place for myself and my family. As a young adult I visited this area for the first time in 1975 and ever since I try to come to visit as often as possible. Marion and I loved it so much we were married in 1980 at the Chapel of LOVE in South Shore.

We began bringing our children, Corie and Michelle, up when they were both very young. We first began renting here at Carnelian Woods and just loved it so much that we had to purchase a unit. So, in 1993 we took the step and became homeowners. One of the best moves we have ever made.

The family loves to snow ski, golf, swim at the pool, take walks, RELAX and just enjoy the area. In fact, I believe Michelle, our youngest was sliding down the slide by the pool when she was only 2 years old. Now at 36 she enjoys having her daughter, Lily, use the same play area.

I am currently into my third year as a board member. I am the chair of the Communications Committee which has been a very enjoyable task. This is mostly because of the committee members that have all jumped in and are a tremendous help. Thank you, Ruth, Susan, Diane and Janice, for all of your efforts!

I also am the current President of the board. What an honor and privilege to work with such an industrious group of people. This TEAM of people are so talented and care so much about your association. We are all so fortunate.

I would like to ask that anyone at anytime please do not hesitate to contact me or any board member to ask questions or give an opinion. We appreciate your input.

Thank you all! Mike Proffitt - Unit #52 - [mikeproffitt@earthlink.net](mailto:mikeproffitt@earthlink.net)

## **Reminder - Prevent Frozen Pipes**

Units are experiencing frozen pipe issues. People need to leave their thermostats at 60 degrees or problems may occur. Consider posting a notice next to your thermostat so that family, friends and renters understand that when the temperature is below 35 degrees they need to set the thermostat to 60 degrees before leaving the unit.

## **Freeze Alert**

Many homeowners have installed **Freeze Alert**. It costs \$250.00 and that includes installation by CW staff. You need an active phone line to connect the device to it. The Freeze Alert is programmed to call the office if the temperature in the unit goes below 40 degrees or if the power goes out in the unit. By calling the unit you can get the status inside the unit. It is programmed to answer after four rings and will give you the current temperature in the unit, if the power is on and the charge of the battery which is the back up if the power goes out. Please contact Serge if you need more information.