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Spa Hours: Fri. & Sat. only - 12 pm - 8:45 pm

## Don's Corner

Homeowners: Please remember to turn your main water valve off and on occasionally so it continues to work. If this is not done often, the valve will freeze-up and your unit will not have the ability to have the water shut off. Also, Winter is rapidly approaching and does your unit have a FREEZE ALERT SYSTEM installed? Last year several units had extensive water damage due to frozen water pipes. These could have been avoided if a FREEZE ALERT SYSTEM had been installed. Please ask Don or Serge about this so you too can be protected against broken pipes. Just a reminder, be sure your thermostat stays set at 60 degrees through the winter months!

## BBQ Policy - Mike Proffitt

Thanks to all of you who attended the annual Homeowners meeting and sent in your ballots. All the comments made were all well received and I do hope that all questions were answered to your satisfaction. Also, it is with great pleasure that I inform all of you that we now have a new BBQ Policy. It has been a very long process of almost three years and has taken considerable amounts of time working with both our local Fire Marshall and his staff, as well as our insurance carrier to achieve what has been labeled as the most comprehensive, well-written policy by a North Shore Homeowners Association. Again, Carnelian Woods is the "Jewel of the North Shore." As the new policy is quite lengthy I ask you to review it on our website. Should there be any questions please feel free to contact either Don, or myself. Thank you all for your patience while this task was addressed.

## Local Outreach Report - Kathy Witt

The Local Outreach Committee has been established with new members who are greatly appreciated. Heidi Paoli (#111) Jan Babb (#16) Karen Cleland (#152) Ruth Dworsky (#140) and Diane Hopkinson (#26).

The Local Outreach Committee is a newly formed committee to keep the Carnelian Woods Board of Directors and ultimately the homeowners informed of local events and regulatory activities that will impact Carnelian Woods. All of us are in the discovery phase of this newly-formed committee.

We plan to focus our efforts on three items (1) The bike path that is in the process of being determined (2) Housing issues that are impacting employees in the Basin - The Mountain Housing Council with 29 local individuals and businesses is addressing this issue (3) Transportation issues (to decrease the use of cars) are mainly being addressed by all of the contacts. The regulatory bodies are Placer County Board of Supervisors, the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), and the League to Save Lake Tahoe.

Please note: If your contact information has changed (and even if you made changes at the annual meeting) please email updates to Serge so that the CWTA Roster can be kept current.

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## Forestry Report - Celia Barry

In August a contractor removed 70 dead trees from the 17 acre "undeveloped lots" area at the end of Silver Pine Drive. This activity is supported with Fire Safe Council grant funds. Our staff also removed another 30 to 40 dead trees and the staff and homeowners raked and removed approximately 400 yards of flammable material (pine needles and cones, dead branches) this year.

On September 12, 2018, Mike Vollmer, Forest Fuels Coordinator for North Tahoe Fire, and Eric Horntvedt, Defensible Space Inspector for North Tahoe Fire walked the Carnelian Woods property to assess our wildfire vulnerability. Vollmer and Horntvedt could find no issues for remediation noting that the construction materials used for the Carnelian Woods Association buildings and decks, together with the removal of trees and flammable brush created a solid defensible space. Our staff and homeowners are to be congratulated for continuing our aggressive efforts to keep our homes safe!



We also hosted a "Fire Adapted Communities" educational event on September 12th in front of our lodge. Carlie Teague and Brenna Blessing from Tahoe Resource Conservation District brought educational materials about preventing wildfires at Lake Tahoe.

Finally, if there is a fire or other emergency requiring our evacuation, urgent notification will be key to our survival. Please take a few minutes to register your cell phone number(s) with [www.placer-alert.org](http://www.placer-alert.org). And please also consider downloading the smartphone app from Cal Fire called Ready for Wildfire. It has a lot of information about preparing for wildfire and has current wildfire information for California. You can also set the app to notify you if there is a wildfire near Carnelian Bay and any other counties in California. Finally, you can set the app so that it will notify you if there are any wildfires within 30 miles of your cell phone.

## Homeowners Survey - Diane Yerkes

Our sincere gratitude to all the CW Homeowners who took the time and interest to respond to our questionnaire. The Communications Committee values your input and comments and will provide them to the CWTA Board members for their consideration and future decision-making. The results will be posted on our website and a brief report will be included in the next Communicator.