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## Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association

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### WINTER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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#### **GCHNA Annual Picnic/ Potluck**

“It feels so good to see familiar and not-so-familiar faces.” “A very interesting program.” “I want to encourage a feeling of ‘neighborhood’.” These are some of the comments heard at the annual picnic/potluck held in September. Despite the smoke in the air, about 45 GCHNA members gathered to socialize and learn about issues of interest to the neighborhood. Lovely music was provided by Lisa Stine on her harp and Anna Gold on her cello. The food was delicious as always. Nancy Herrick and Roger

Morrison opened their lovely home to us for the program. Nate Beason, our County Supervisor, clarified the concerns leading to the crafting of the events ordinance that was recently passed. He explained how the Hazardous Vegetation Abatement ordinance will help homeowners engage with neighbors to clear hazardous vegetation around structures. Joanne Drummond from the Fire Safe Council explained the responsibilities of being a Firewise Community. By reducing fuel loads and maintaining defensible space around our home, we can minimize the risks. The Fire Safe Council can help. Nancy Weber described how NID is dealing with limited water

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#### **GCHNA 2015 Meeting Dates**

- January 5, 2015
- March 2, 2015
- May 4, 2015
- July 6, 2015
- September 7, 2015
- November 2, 2015
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- Coyote Street Firehouse

supply during times of drought and alerted us to the difficulty of balancing local water needs with those of the state. Renee Wade provided information on the activities at Bluebird Farm and Bill Sheatsley provided details about Measure S.

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### *Picnic From page 1*

There are many people to thank for their efforts to make the picnic happen. Eve Collins, Ellen Hagan, Carl Plaza, Terry Wagner, Susan Wiesner, and Debbie Wandro were the picnic committee and did an amazing job! Additional Steering Committee members included Willie Brusin who schlepped tables and chairs loaned by Dale and Diane Jacobsen, Bill Holman, Uli Paulin, Bill Sheatsley, and Larry Heimiemi. Thank you to Nancy Herrick and Roger Morrison, to Chris Owen for being a wonderful master of ceremonies, and to the Flower Garden for providing cake for dessert. Thank you to our speakers who give their time so willingly.

The GCHNA Steering Committee thanks all those who attended. The annual picnic/potluck each September is the primary opportunity for all GCHNA members to gather. Mark your calendars for next year on the 3rd Sunday in September 2015!

### **More Picnic Photos**



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### **Aloha,**

My name is Larry Heiniemi, and I'm the new GCHNA Steering Committee member representing Applewood Lane. I live with my wife Carolyn Sherwood.



We found Nevada City about 20 years ago when we started visiting our daughter, Katherine Jacobs, who is a County prosecutor. After 30 years of living in Hawaii, we decided on the nice view from Applewood Lane. Some people know me as Lars Ander-

son, a name I used in pro wrestling for 30 years. I then worked for 21 years in executive sales at Acura of Honolulu. I have a BA from St. Cloud University in Minnesota. Currently I'm the CEO of my son's company Shield n Seal. We develop storage bags and sealer machines like foodsaver, only better.

My interests include: reading, hiking, and travel. We plan on going to Italy in early 2015. We visit our place in Sedona for great hiking, go to Hawaii regularly to check up on things, as well as travel to Minnesota to my farm. I'm of Finnish heritage and have checked family back to 1550. I'm looking forward to starting my 73rd year of skiing. My first skis were made by my grandfather who moved to Minnesota from Finland in 1905. As for GCHNA, I'm looking forward to working with the group any way possible to make our collective piece of paradise even better.

Mahalo,  
Larry Heineimi

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### **Burglary on Central Cement Hill Rd**

While we live in a relatively low crime area, on December 4th, a two story residence on Cement Hill Road near Applewood was burglarized sometime between 10am and 7pm. We are sharing the details here to encourage neighbors to always be on alert for suspicious activity and report it immediately to the Sheriff's Office. There is nothing more effective in the fight against crime than each good citizen watching out for others' well-being.

Upon returning home from work, the homeowner discovered the dining room French door was ajar. Upstairs things had been ransacked, clothes all

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## November Steering Committee Update

Attendees: Bill Holman, Tom Stone, Terry Wagner, Carl Plaza, Debbie Wandro, Larry Heiniemi, Willie Brusin, Marty Pezzaglia, Susan Wiesner. The meeting was led by Susan Wiesner. Our membership is 215. Our current contract with Ferrellgas for discounted propane has been extended for another year.

As a Firewise Community, we must submit an updated plan each year detailing how we will fulfill our obligation to inform and encourage our neighborhood to follow fire safe practices. A neighborhood education day or Scotch Broom Pull are possible events. Residents on Whispering Oaks asked the FireSafe Council to assess fire hazards on their road and have been implementing the recommendations.

New business included a report by Uli Paulin about the project proposed by Spiral to bring a fiber-optic cable to our area. Susan will contact Spiral to speak at a future meeting.

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### *Burglary from page 2*

over the floor, drawers open, a pillow case missing and a window open. The Sheriff's deputy came out to inspect and make a report. The deputy found no sign of finger prints (they used gloves), and no sign of forced entry. He suspected they picked a lock like they have seen in other cases. Stolen items were a Nikon camera and accessories, an iPod Classic, and 3 small jewelry boxes with heirloom jewelry. What was remarkable is all they did NOT take: other obvious jewelry, a laptop, larger electronics, check books or keys. The downstairs was untouched.

## Alberta Oates



The Robinson-King/upper Indian Flat Road neighbors are mourning the recent passing of Alberta Oates. "Bertie" was born in her grandmother's house at the corner of West Broad and Spring Streets in 1915. Her parents, the Robinsons, gave her and her fiancé the corner of their farm land abutting Indian Flat. There, the couple built a kit house they purchased for \$400 through an ad in the Sacramento Bee. Construction was completed in 1937, after which they were married. Alberta is survived by her son, five grandchildren and a multitude of

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A neighbor saw a late model SUV speed out the driveway mid-day.

The description of the burglary was very similar to another one that took place in August 2013 - also on Cement Hill Road. So remember: LOCK YOUR HOUSE DOORS and GARAGE. More crime prevention information may be found on Neighborhood Watch Programs through the Sheriff's Department website on Mynevadacounty.com.

## Mary Morales – a Link to the Past

*Susan Wiesner*

GCHNA lost a living link to our local history with the passing of Mary Elizabeth Morales on August 30th. She was born in 1916 in Nevada City to Leslie John Orzalli and May Elizabeth Godat. Her grandfather, Pietro Orzalli, had immigrated to California from Italy and was naturalized in 1882 in Nevada County. He bought property on Cement Hill some of which is still occupied by his descendants. Mary graduated from Nevada City High School, married Alfred (Jim) Peard and raised their three children, Alfred, Ida May and Burnell Peard. She had a career in nursing and later married Frank Morales.



I had the good fortune to interview Mary earlier in August when researching the history of the farmhouse at the end of Cement Hill. Mary's memories of local people and events were extraordinarily detailed and she was gracious in taking the time to share her recollections with me. She had fond memories of the family gatherings and she loved gardening and cooking. Her high school photo captures the sparkle in her eye that was still visible at age 97.



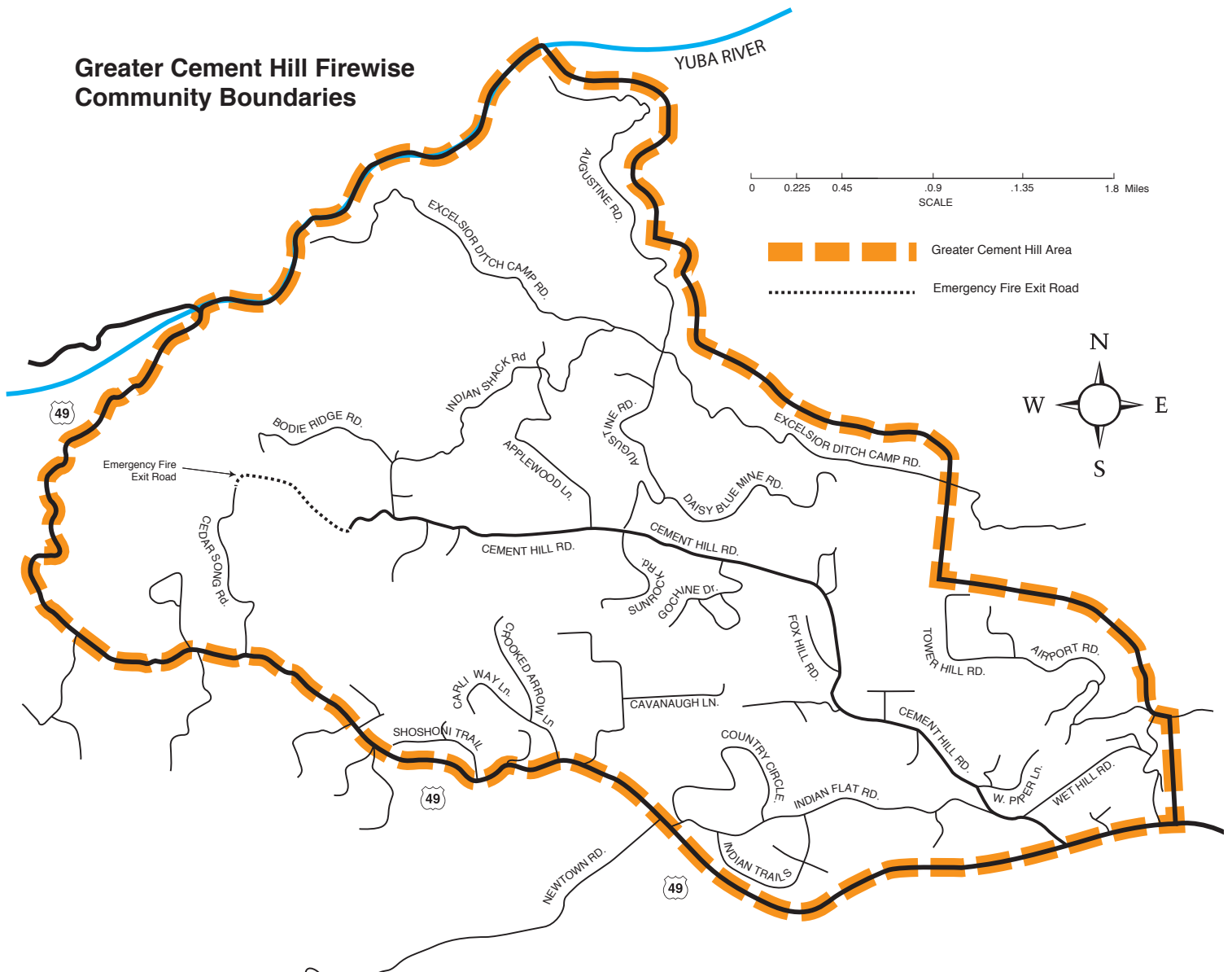
# About the Greater Cement Hill Firewise Community Map

The map shown in this newsletter for the first time was originally developed in 2012 when GCHNA applied for recognition as a Firewise Community. The boundaries were revised and refined this past year (2014) working with a volunteer from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). At this time it became more important to be very clear about the boundary lines as the map was being utilized by insurance companies such as

USAA to reduce premium costs for customers within recognized Firewise Communities. We have also included the Emergency Fire Exit Road at the end of Cement Hill Road which extends across private property (Riverhill Farm) to Cedar Song Road. Thanks are given to Bill Holman for redrawing this map to make the map easier to read - both in print and electronically. For graphic simplicity not all roads within the community are labeled and shown but the critical boundaries are well defined.



## Greater Cement Hill Firewise Community Boundaries



## Recognition for Keeping Our Community Fire Safe

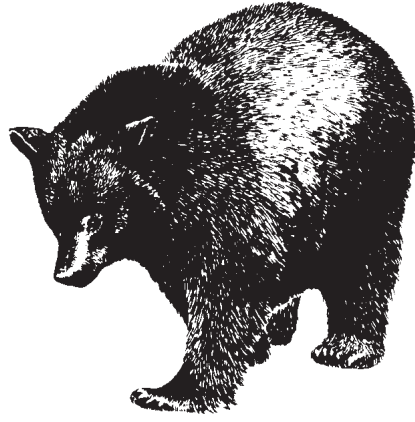
We want to thank those residents who have worked this past year to clear their properties of excess underbrush and potential fuels for a wild fire. In 2014 seven households in the Greater Cement Hill area made arrangements with the FireSafe Council to take advantage of their chipping program. They spent a total of 144 hours to clean up and prepare for the chipping. This amounts to a \$4,500 in kind contribution and helps us maintain our status as a Firewise Community. Some neighbors take on major clearing project every few years and the results are dramatic; others work continuously and the change is not so noticeable. No matter the method, every bit counts toward maintaining a healthy and safe environment for us all.

### **Tigers, Lions and Bears, Oh My!**

*By Debbie Wandro*

A month ago the local bear decided that the rotting apples on our trusty ole apple tree looked like a wonderful pre-winter treat, so he tore down our 8 ft. wire fencing and helped himself to what was left hanging off the branches. The sad part of this story is that our pet bunny also lived in our garden, and Mr. Bear decided to tear open her cage as well. The good news is that when we went out to survey the damage, Miss Bunny was nowhere to be seen, and since we saw no evidence of her demise, we have chosen to believe that she escaped with her life and is now freely romping through the woods enjoying her new found freedom with all the other wild animals in the forest. (I'm an optimist.)

Since the bear event, I have done a bit of research on preventing bear visits



or at least deterring them and thought you might like to know what I found. Hope it helps. Black bears in the Sierra Nevada usually den from mid-December through March or early April, using natural caves in talus slopes, snow caves, and hollow trees or logs to make a winter den. This period is shorter than in areas with harsher winters. Bears able to find sufficient food don't den at all, remaining active all winter, while others will hibernate for periods and leave the den at various points throughout the winter.

Here are a few things you can do to help deter them:

1. Double bag all trash and place it in an airtight, heavy container. Place container inside a secure shed or garage until collection day.
2. Keep compost piles secure and avoid putting any meat, sweet or fruit scraps into the pile. They have the strongest odors. Turn the pile regularly to help it decompose more quickly.
3. Clean barbeque grills thoroughly after each use and store them in a secure place. Turning the grill to high for 10 minutes after use will help remove additional traces of food.
4. Remove rotting produce from a garden or fruit trees and dispose of it securely as trash (note to self).

5. Use ammonia to regularly deodorize trash cans, or add ammonia-soaked rags to the trash every few days to mask lingering food odors. And remember, never provoke or confront a bear. They are highly unpredictable and potentially dangerous. If you do run into a bear make sure you make yourself as large as possible. Stand upright and wave your arms, jacket or other items. Make loud noises, such as yelling, whistles, and banging pots and pans.

Do not run and never play dead. Give the bear a chance to leave the area. If the bear does not leave, stay calm, continue facing it, and slowly back away.

Black bears usually avoid people, but if they start to associate people with food they may become aggressive. If the bear continues to visit your property, contact wildlife control officers for assistance.



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Tom Stone, Uli Paulin, Eileen Jorgensen, and Susan Wiesner spent time getting information on the Sierra Roots proposal to provide housing for the homeless on the Pello property at the corner of Cement Hill Road and Hwy 49. At this time, the Pello property is no longer being considered for the project.

2015 Steering Committee meetings will be held bi-monthly. 7pm at the NCCFD station, 84 Coyote St, Nevada City. All GCHNA members are invited. We encourage you to get involved!



## 2015 GCHNA Membership Renewal Notice

Goodness! We're almost half way through another decade! And time to renew your GCHNA membership. Thank you for your support this last year and we hope you continue with us in 2015. Renewal of your GCHNA membership is due February 1st with a grace period until May 1st. This past year included our wonderful annual neighborhood family picnic and the information packed newsletter. Also, in the spring, we started pulling scotch broom along Cement Hill Rd with help from young folks of the Americorps. The Ferrellgas propane contract, available to our membership, is the envy of many. Held bi-monthly, Steering Committee meetings avail everyone the opportunity for a voice in the community. To renew or join, please fill out the membership form in this newsletter or use the form available on our website - [www.gchna.com](http://www.gchna.com) - and mail it with your check for \$20 to GCHNA, P.O. Box 1343, Nevada City, CA 95959. Thank you again so much for your support and we hope you will continue supporting your neighborhood association in 2015.

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**Join GCHNA or Renew Your Membership** (check your membership status at [www.gcbna.com/membership](http://www.gcbna.com/membership))

If you haven't joined or renewed your membership to GCHNA, we hope you will do so now.

Here's my \$20 GCHNA membership fee for 2014. Enclosed is a check made out to GCHNA.

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Mail check & form to: GCHNA, PO Box 1343, Nevada City, CA 95959  I would like to become involved. Please contact me.



**GCHNA Neighborhood Representatives**

**West End Cement Hill**

West end of Cement Hill Road, including Sunshadow Circle, Cedar Song Road, and Garesio Ranch Road.  
Ellen Hagan, Tim Hagan, (timhagan@oro.net) 265-9746

**Applewood Lane**

Applewood Lane, including Indian Shack Road.  
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**Gochine Drive**

Gochine, including Mt. Auburn Circle.  
Carl Plaza, (plaza@ncws.com) 478-1802

**Upper Cement Hill**

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**Sunrock Road**

Susan Wiesner: (sawiesner@gmail.com), 265-4824

**Augustine Road / Excelsior Ditch Camp Road**

Augustine Road, including Daisy Blue Mine, Leisure Lane, Lazy Oaks Drive, and Excelsior Ditch.  
Marty Pezzaglia, (martypezzaglia@spiralemail.com) 265-3288

**Crystal View Heights**

Crystal View, including Golden Oaks. "open"

**Central Cement Hill Road**

Central Cement Hill Road, including Whispering Oaks, Merryhill Way, Gold Court, Spanish Quartz, Ragon Road, and Fox Hill Road to Central Cement Hill area.  
Patt Lind-Kyle (patt@lindandkyle.com) 478-9622

**Lower Cement Hill Road**

Lower Cement Hill Road, including West Piper, Deer Crest, Rancheria Court, Red Hill Road, Foster Driveway, Picton, Picton Way, and Foster Road. **Open**

**Indian Flat Road**

Indian Flat Road, including Indian Trails, Country Circle, Woods Ravine Ct. and Robinson King Road.  
Terry Wagner (twags40@hotmail.com) 470-9206 and Bill Sheatsley (stevieandbill@sheatsley.com) 265-2808

**Southside Cement Hill**

Highway 49, including Columbine Court, Delphine Lane, Shoshoni Trail, Old Faithful Court, Carli Way, Crooked Arrow Lane, John Barleycorn Rd., Frost Court and Cavanaugh Lane.  
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**Wet Hill Road**

Wet Hill Road, including Sierra Springs Circle, Lower North Bloomfield Road, and Elliot Way.  
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The Fire Safe Council

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[www.areyoufiresafe.com](http://www.areyoufiresafe.com)

FONA Web Site

[www.fona-nevco.org](http://www.fona-nevco.org)

The Cement Hill CFD Guide Booklet is now on the District's website at the following link.

<<http://nidwater.com/cement-hill-project/cement-hill-cfd-project-documents/>><http://nidwater.com/cement-hill-project/cement-hill-cfd-project-documents/>

### **GCHNA Mission Statement**

The Greater Cement Hill  
Neighborhood Association is  
chartered to:

- Protect and preserve the rural qualities of our neighborhood by providing a forum for group action as needed.
- Communicate information quickly and efficiently about matters of neighborhood interest to its members and associates.
- Raise funds and supply volunteer labor for projects that enhance or improve our neighborhood.
- Be an organization through which our neighbors can meet and get to know each other in meetings and social gatherings.

### **Membership Guidelines**

Fiscal Period is

January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>

Membership Dues due by

February 1<sup>st</sup> Grace period to May 1<sup>st</sup>

Anyone may join anytime during the year but will have to negotiate with Ferrellgas if joining after May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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