

Homewood Homeowners Association

Winter Newsletter

March 2025

Greetings to our Homewood Homeowners Association members and friends,

We write this newsletter on a snowy winter day here in Homewood with a mention that this snowstorm is very welcomed. It's been terribly dry so far and concerns about summer wildfires have been on everyone's mind. The Lake level needs to come up a bit, too, and this should help.

Most everyone is aware of the status at Homewood Mountain Resort. TRPA Approval was passed, and plans are for the gondola construction to begin this spring. Keep Homewood Public is confident that locals will have access to the mountain forever and at a fair rate. Due to HMR not opening this season we had some business closures, and this has been difficult for many of us. It exhibited how crucial the ski area is to our little West Shore community.

The Homewood Homeowners Association is not a mandatory HOA, unlike many others nearby. Over the years some people have asked why they should join if they don't have to. There are many reasons, and the Board would very much appreciate your help in encouraging your neighbors and new homeowners to become a member of our Homewood Homeowners Association. There are many benefits to being a member. They include:

- Current Information on Community Projects
- Standing Together to Have a Stronger Voice on Local Issues
- Protecting the Unique, Historic and Special Place that is Homewood
- Local Management of our HHOA Beach Parcels
- The Privilege of Enjoying the Private Sections of our Four Beach Properties

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues for 2025 will remain at \$150.00. Instructions for sending payments as well as new member forms are on our website at HomewoodHOA.com. If at all possible, please try to pay your dues before the end of June, in time for the Association Party.

SUMMER PARTY & FIREWISE UPDATE

This year's summer party will be held on Saturday, June 21st from 3-5 p.m. at the Scharf residence, 4910 West Lake Blvd. The Homewood FireWise Committee will be presenting information on the best ways for us to keep our Community FireWise certification ongoing and how to continue to document your efforts to reduce our fire risk and help keep our insurance premiums tolerable. The HHOA FireWise certification has been renewed and the new certificate is available on our website. Let's work together to make our community as fire resistant as possible.

We plan to cater snacks this year and will also provide wine, beer and soft drinks. Last year we welcomed several new members and enjoyed the presence of some lovely children. We would like to limit the number of speakers so we can focus on socializing together with our neighbors and just having a good time. Board members will be honored to chat and answer any questions or take any input you may have. Once again, we are most grateful to the Scharf Family for hosting our gathering. Please join us!

BEARS, BEARS, BEARS!

We have had an uptick in bear entries into empty homes last fall and early this spring already. BEAR League Strongly encourages second homeowners who aren't here all the time to get Bear Wires installed on your home. The damage a bear can do inside a house can be immense and very costly. If your excuse is, "I've been here many years and it's never happened to me before" that just means it will soon be Your Turn if you are not adequately protected. Call the BEAR League if we can help you in any way to keep your home off the Bears' Hit List. 530-525-7297

UPDATE ON TCPUD WORK THIS SUMMER

Phase Three of the Tahoe City PUD project to reconstruct the Madden Creek system is scheduled for summer 2025. It will completely rebuild the water system within Highway 89 right-of-way, from Fern Street to South Street, and within Sacramento Avenue south of Fawn Street. It will include construction of approximately 5,356 feet of 8-inch water main, 394 feet of 12-inch water main, 10 fire hydrants, and 56 new water meter pits (a space for future meters). See the [attached flyer](#) for more details. Installation of water meters will occur for the entire system as a single effort once all phases of the project are complete. All customers will be notified in advance of meter installation.

OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN BLACKWOOD CANYON ALERT WILDFIRE CAMERA FUNDRAISER

The HHOA Board recently received some information from a group who is organizing an effort to get a wildfire camera installed in Blackwood Canyon. We thought their efforts would be of interest to our members, so quoted below is what they told us:

"With the collective concern of fire risk in the Lake Tahoe Basin, we are reaching out about a project to install and maintain an [AlertWildfire.org](https://www.AlertWildfire.org) camera at the top of Barker Pass Road, overlooking Blackwood Canyon on the west shore. Currently this area is **not** visible in the established camera network. This camera addition is a critical tool for early fire detection and the planning of fire fighting resources and evacuation strategies.

Working in concert with the nonprofit [Tahoe Prosperity Center](#) and the University of Nevada, Reno, we have just kicked off the fundraising campaign for individuals, local businesses, and foundations as well as corporate matching gifts. The goal is to raise \$175,000 by early spring so that we can get this necessary camera up and running for fire season. That's a big goal and we need your support!

We believe this camera is vital to the safety of lives and property here on the west shore of Lake Tahoe and encourage you to donate generously now so installation can move forward. Consider this tax deductible donation an investment in your property's wildfire safety!"

Donation link: TahoeProsperity.org/BlackwoodCamera

FAQ Page: [Blackwood Canyon Camera FAQs](#)

TAHOE BLUE CLEAN UP DATES

Save these dates for Tahoe Blue Crew Trash 2024 Clean Up Days in Homewood:

Saturday, May 10

Friday, July 5—Annual Red, White and Blue Cleanup Day

Saturday, October 11

Cleanup events are from 2pm to 4pm. Contact Tiffany MacLaughlin w/questions @ 916-275-2357.

FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND GENERAL ELECTION

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 31. We'll start at 10:00 am. Details of where will be sent to our members at a later date. There are four open seats on the Board of Directors this year. If you are interested in running, contact Allen Sayles for more information. Email homewoodhoa.secretary@gmail.com with subject 'For Allen Sayles/Nominations'. Ballots will be mailed out this summer to all active dues-paying members.

WINTER BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The HHOA Board met on February 20th via Zoom. Once approved, all minutes of meetings are posted on our website. We encourage our members to find them and other information about our community at [HHOA](#). Any questions can be sent to the board at homewoodhoa.secretary@gmail.com.