

Homewood Homeowners Association

Winter Newsletter

March 2024

Greetings & Snow Conditions

Greetings to our Homewood Homeowners Association members and friends,

We have a lot of news to share with you in this issue of our electronic correspondence. As this newsletter is being written Homewood lays covered in several feet of still-white snow, after the last epic storm brought close to 10 feet over a four-day, non-stop blizzard. Our little community was in the news across the country with video footage of the dramatic snow accumulation shown far and wide. Be prepared for another grueling clean up, with possible damage, as the snow melts and we head towards summertime at Tahoe.

Winter Board Meeting Update (minutes on website)

The HHOA Board met on February 15th via Zoom. We have entered the approved minutes of the meeting on our website and encourage our members to read them. After many years as an active Board Member, and then as our non-board Treasurer, Dave Powell was finally able to retire. Everyone expressed appreciation for Dave's commitment to the HHOA over these past years. We then nominated and voted in Rick Van Zee as our new Treasurer. With board approval, after discussion and research, Rick invested \$100,000.00 into a CD with the promise of growing our savings funds due to positive interest rates at this time.

No Dumpsters

The board decided, once again, not to provide dumpsters for the community. Although there have been some who have requested this project be resumed, most thought usage was unfairly taken advantage of by just a few and that it should be up to each homeowner to be responsible for his/her own spring clean-up. The board remains open to hearing your opinions on this and any other Association topic. We have established a dedicated email address for our members to contact us: homewoodhoa.secretary@gmail.com.

Zoom Forum hosted by our HHOA with invited guests from HMR/Discovery and Keep Homewood Public

As discussed, and agreed upon at our February meeting, we hosted a 'forum' of sorts to bring together representatives from HMR and KHP with the intent that our board could be updated on the HMR/Discovery project. This was done on March 14th. We have included a link to the audio recording of the discussions/presentations. *[We would have liked to invite our members to join us on Zoom but a learning curve obstacle prevented this so the link to the recording is the best we can do at present time. In the future we hope to gain the technical experience required to allow our members to view real-time Zoom gatherings and meetings].*

https://www.dropbox.com/s/wkk2nw6k3d8md7h/Homewood%20HOA%20Forum_3-14-2024_.mp4?dl=0

A very brief recap of the discussions for those who might not have time to listen to the approximately hour-long recording: Many issues have been successfully addressed and accepted by KHP but there remain some concerns. Meetings and gatherings will continue to be scheduled by both groups for the public to attend.

We are sharing the email addresses for Jessica from HMR/Discovery and Kathy from Keep Homewood Public for our members who have questions or concerns or comments.

Jessica Insalaco: jinsalaco@discoverylandco.com

Kathy Astromoff: AskUs@KeepHomewoodPublic.com

FireWise Update

Homewood Homeowners Association Firewise Approval

On November 20th, 2023, the Homewood Homeowners Association (HHA) was approved to become a nationally recognized member of Firewise.

As the Firewise website says, "The Firewise USA® program provides simple, effective steps to help communities reduce the risk of destruction from wildfire. Learn how to "Band Together" before wildfire disasters occur."

Each year the Homewood Homeowners Association will reach out to its members with annual goals to strive for, provide education and guidance in defensible space, home hardening, evacuation information and help its members with insurance issues.

Two Firewise Community signs will be awarded to the HHOA this year and where they will be placed has yet to be decided. Once the HHOA receives them, you will be notified of their placement.

For those of you struggling to find residential property insurance that includes wildfire coverage or have had to take a policy on the California Fair Plan, check to see if your insurance company offers a Firewise discount.

Additionally, check to see if your insurance company offers a discount for protection against wildfire.

The link below may help HHOA members on the California Fair Plan.

<https://www.cfpnet.com/fair-plan-to-offer-new-discounts-for-homeowners-taking-steps-to-protect-against-wildfire/>

This Spring the HHOA will provide goals for its first year of being a Firewise community. These goals will increase annually striving towards statistically minimizing Homewood's risk from a wildfire.

If you have any questions of the Firewise program, please contact HHOA Vice President, Joe Barron at 530-308-0170, joe_barron@sbcglobal.net or North Tahoe Fire's Forest Fuels Manager, April Shackelford at 530-584-2344, shackelford@ntfire.net

Homewood Clean Up Project

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

Saturday, April 27

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

Saturday, October 12

Cleanup events are from 2pm to 4pm. Call for volunteers will come at the end of the month. Contact Tiffany MacLaughlin w/questions @ 916-275-2357.

Membership Dues

All of our members are to be commended for doing a terrific job last year with our new banking procedure for dues payment. Everything went smoothly and seemingly without complaints. We will continue this method again this year. The board agreed to hold our membership dues at the current rate of \$150. We appreciate your dues being paid before the end of June, in time for the Association Party. A separate notice with instructions for paying dues will be sent to the identified primary homeowner. Membership forms and instructions are also posted on our website.

<https://homewoodhoa.com>

Summer Members Party with Invited Speakers

The date, place and time are set and we hope to see you there! We'll send out a reminder with a list of speakers as the time approaches. The board will provide wine, beer, soft drinks and light snacks. We are starting an hour earlier this year, in order to avoid the chill of the evening air moving in before we each head for home.

Date & Time: June 29 @ 3:00 pm

Location: Ron & Suzanne Scharf Family Estate, 4910 West Lake Blvd, near Oak Street. Thank you to the Scharf Family for hosting our party once again.

Fall General Membership Meeting

Mark the Date as Sunday, September 1.... Labor Day weekend. We'll start at 10:00 am. Details of where will be sent to our members at a later date.