

HOMEWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HHOA)

Summer 2016 Newsletter

Dear 2015 and 2016 Members,

Last Saturday was our annual HHOA Summer Party. As always, it was wonderful to reconnect and meet new neighbors. And thank you to Bruce and Mary Alice Carswell for allowing us to host this event at their home and Ann Bryant for organizing the party.

TRPA

Typically, our summer party is informal with little news to report; however, this year was different. TRPA's Public Information Officer, Tom Lotshaw, was present to introduce himself and to generally discuss the Shoreline Ordinance.

The Shoreline Ordinance has been resurrected and TRPA plans to implement this ordinance by Fall 2017. Although they are on the "fast track," they seem more sensitive to its public and hired Consensus Building Institute to help facilitate the shoreline planning process by allowing as many voices and viewpoints as reasonably possible. Understandably, Tom did not provide any specifics how the ordinance would affect Homewood but stated that all buoys and piers will be assessed as part of this process, especially in light of future climate forecasts and its effect on Lake Tahoe. Additionally, State Lands recently gave notice that they, in conjunction with TRPA, are counting buoys and advise that all floats be connected this summer to facilitate their survey.

Given Homewood's history with the Shoreline Ordinance of eight years ago, the Board wants to be informed as much as possible regarding any direction TRPA could go. We are re-assembling a Beach Parcel Committee to attend TRPA Shoreline meetings to report back to the Board and make recommendations. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact one of your board members or email us at hoahomewood@gmail.com.

If you are interested in learning more about this Ordinance and upcoming meetings, please visit shorelineplan.org and sign up.

HMR

Unfortunately, Kevin Mitchell, GM of HMR was unable to attend; however, he informed us that HMR plans to commence construction during spring 2017. Currently, per the ruling from the latest lawsuit, they are completing the Fire Evacuation Plan, which is expected to be concluded this summer. They anticipate the use of its parking lot next summer to be related to the Phase 1A project only.

This summer, they will be continuing their arts and craft fairs, as well as wedding ceremonies on the mountaintop with receptions at the South Lodge or the West Shore Café. They will also be moving their weekend BBQ into Bar 89 (South Lodge) while continuing to host their 4th annual Cornhole Tournament. Finally, they are renting and selling bikes and paddleboards.

HMR's biggest news is its acquisition of the High and Dry Marina into the JJMA portfolio.

Bear Report

Compared to other Tahoe communities, Homewood has the fewest bear break-ins. Please responsibly dispose trash and, of course, do not feed the bears.

Election

Ballots for the Board election are forthcoming. Incumbents seeking re-election are Ann Bryant, Carole Gray, Mary McPherson and Bryan Turner. If you are interested in running, please send an email to hoahomewood@gmail.com or contact one of your board members.

Results of this election will be announced at the General Board meeting, Sunday, September 4th at 10:00am, location to be determined.

Membership

Please note that 2015 members are the recipients of this newsletter whether or not their respective dues were paid. We feel it is necessary to inform you of the recent TRPA developments and HHOA's relationship with this agency and urge you to renew your membership if you have not already done so. Furthermore, please inform your Homewood neighbors to join the HHOA. Homewood and Tahoe are at an important juncture considering the Shoreline Ordinance and HHOA will have more influence with TRPA if we are a collective body. Attached is the 2016 Dues form.

Questions or Comments

As always we are receptive to your questions or comments. Please feel free to contact us at hoahomewood@gmail.org or contact one of your board members.

Thank you-

HHOA Board

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