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## meetings 2020 dates

**Jan 28, 9am**  
Design Review Committee  
Adult Center

**Feb 22, 9am**  
NPOA Board of Directors  
Adult Center

**Feb 25, 9am**  
Design Review Committee  
Adult Center

**March 31, 9am**  
Design Review Committee  
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**April 4, 9am**  
NPOA Board of Directors  
Adult Center

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I wanted to bring you all up to date on some of the work which has been underway since our Annual Meeting in late August.

At our Board meeting in November, we elected officers for 2020, set up some new committees, had a detailed report on the survey results for our Strategic Planning Initiative, and approved the 2020 budget. I will continue as NPOA president in the coming year, with John Bowe as vice president and Sue Cordonnier as Secretary/Treasurer and our CFO. A new Membership Communications Committee was established which will be chaired by Peter Morris. It will focus its attention on developing a new and more useful and functional NPOA web site, look at digital formats for our member newsletter, Northstar Living, and upgrades to our other regular methods for getting information out to homeowners. We also reactivated our NPOA/Condo Committee, to be led by John Bowe and with representatives from each of the major condominium HOAs. Hopefully, this will lead to better and more regular communication on common issues.

Strategic Planning and Visioning (SPV) Committee chair Steve Klei reported to the Board and the members who attended on the recent member survey. An in-depth analysis of the survey results was recently distributed to members via email and this is now posted on the NPOA web site. We were extremely pleased that almost 700 homeowners chose to participate in the survey, which was over 50% of those for whom we have email addresses which permitted us to circulate the survey to them. The results themselves were very helpful and encouraging. While opinions vary, it seems clear that a majority of our

homeowners want to look at possible upgrades and some improvements to our facilities - with the exact scope of any changes still to be framed and, of course, any ultimate proposal to be voted on by all members once we have a defined scope and costs. We are listening to your input and have already made many changes in direction based on that information. We will continue to refine ideas based on the input so far and with what we hear in the months ahead. If you haven't done so already, please check out the survey results analysis on our web site.

The next step in the SPV process involves getting in-person member input during two workshops we plan to hold during the Christmas holidays, **from 3 to 5pm, on Friday, December 27th and Thursday, January 2nd**. Both workshops will be the same, with two sessions being held to bring in as many people as possible who will be at Northstar either week over the holidays. A variety of ideas and alternative approaches will be discussed with the goal of getting direct input to further focus our direction. A member focus group and a further survey to all homeowners with more specifics are contemplated in early 2020.

At the November Board meeting we also approved the 2020 budget. By now, you have received the annual budget and disclosure package which included a memo from the Board describing those decisions. You should also have received your annual assessment billing. To reiterate some of the details for anyone who may have missed them:

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## Short-Term Rental Ordinance

Those who rent their residence are aware that Placer County collects a Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) on short-term rentals. Homeowners must register their property for a TOT certificate through the Placer county website. To ensure better compliance of short-term rentals, the Placer County Board of Supervisors recently adopted a short-term rental ordinance that will be effective January 1, 2020 to address issues regarding occupancy, noise, parking and garbage collection at short-term rental properties.

Further, the ordinance requires a local contact for each property to address any complaints. To support this new ordinance, Placer County has established a Short-Term Rental Hotline number 530.448.8003 or issues can be reported online at <http://www.hostcompliance.com/tips>.

The new ordinance further requires local fire district staff to conduct a life-safety inspection once every three years to ensure compliance with fire codes such as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on the interior of residences plus BBQ's and outdoor fireplaces/ firepits adjacent to the exterior of residences. To arrange for a fire & life-safety inspection, please contact Jason Gibeaut, Northstar Fire Department Division Chief, phone 530.562.1212 ext. 1, or email [jgibeaut@northstarcsd.org](mailto:jgibeaut@northstarcsd.org)

It has been over year now since accepting the challenge and privilege to lead a wonderful team of staff, support a very dedicated and engaged Board of Directors, continuous engagement with multiple active committees, as well as the opportunity to meet many wonderful homeowners within the NPOA community. I very much appreciate the opportunity.

There is a lot of great information in this edition of Northstar Living. Please be sure to read President's Perspective for details regarding the 2020 budget and the Strategic Planning and Vision Committee report highlighting its process and timeline. There was tremendous membership participation in the recent survey as well as numerous emailed comments reviewed by the Board. Thank you to all for your participation!

Given California's experience with multiple devastating fires over the past couple of years, many homeowners have received notices of large increases in premium or worse non-renewal letters. Please take to moment to read NSFD Fire Chief Sean Bailey article regarding this important subject in this edition of Northstar Living.

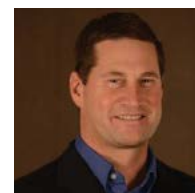
The 2020 annual disclosure mailing was distributed to homeowners the third week of November. The disclosures include documents such as association guidelines and policies, replacement reserve study information, and a budget summary for 2020. If you haven't already, please take a few moments to review this information.

The 2020 annual assessment statements have been mailed. As in the past payments are due January 1, 2020 and considered late February 1, 2020. Please be sure to make your payments on time

to avoid late fees and interest per NPOA collection policy. Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the NPOA office as in past years. Additionally, enhanced payment options are available for the first time this year via a third-party payment processing company PayLease. There is a link to the PayLease website on the home page of the NPOA website [www.npoa.info](http://www.npoa.info). If you wish to utilize one of these alternate payment options, PayLease charges the user a one-time fee for ACH payments \$2.95, debit cards \$6.95, or credit cards 3.5% of the transaction amount. Step by step directions for utilizing PayLease were included with the annual assessment statement as well as in this edition of Northstar Living.

Northstar-California announced this fall a new parking program that now includes paid parking in the Village View lots for the 2019-2020 winter season. If you have not previously utilized the dial-a-ride shuttle provided by Northstar transportation, now is a great time to take advantage of this wonderful service. The dial-a-ride shuttle schedule for the 2019-2020 winter season is included in this edition of Northstar Living, posted on the NPOA website, and posted in prominent locations throughout the recreation center.

On behalf of myself and the entire NPOA team, we look forward seeing you after a blissful day on the slopes this winter season and wish you a safe and joyous holiday season!



Tim Fulton,  
General Manager





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#### **STEP 2**

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#### **STEP 3**

**Make a Payment.** Once in your account’s Home page, the Payment Amount for \$1,200 is populated so simply click on ‘Make one-time payment’.

#### **STEP 4**

**Select a Payment Account.** Choose your payment method and click on “Continue”.

#### **STEP 5**

**Enter Account Details.** Fill out the payment method information required and click on “Continue”.

#### **STEP 6**

**Submit Payment.** Review and click on “Submit Payment”. Once you submit your payment, your transaction will show on your home page as processing.

- The 2020 operating budget includes a \$100 increase in the annual assessment, from \$1100 to \$1200/year.
- At the Annual Meeting in August, and in the President's Letter sent to you in October, we suggested we might consider a possible \$200 increase, but we ultimately reduced the amount to \$100 for the reasons described below.
- The budget includes an approximately \$300,000 increase in annual operating expenses as compared with the 2019 budget. The major elements of this include: (1) the addition of one full-time managerial person to our administrative staff, a request made by our General Manager after 18 months on the job and making a careful assessment of our ongoing needs; (2) the change of one entry desk staff member from a part-time to a full-time position; (3) salary and bonus adjustments for current staff, and employee insurance and retirement benefits related to both current personnel and the new positions; (4) increases in general insurance rates and coverages; (5) technology expenses for new projects, including our property management software

implementation and a website upgrade; (6) utility and non-reserve repair increases for the pools and spas; and (7) a variety of other smaller items.

- We determined that our reserves are sufficient this year to take a one-year break from making the regular \$250,000 contribution we have made to them in recent years. Note that this is a one-time event. We need to spend over \$1.5 million on facilities replacements over the next four years, so we will need to contribute to reserves again in 2021 and thereafter.
- The combination of increased operating expenses, on the one hand, and foregoing a contribution to reserves in 2020 on the other, left us with a projected operating deficit of about \$43,000 if we had no increase in the annual dues assessment. The portion of the assessment increase to permit us to reach a breakeven budget is \$29/homeowner.
- The Board then considered whether it was appropriate to include an allocation to a capital improvements fund for 2020. In deciding whether to do so, and if so, how much, we weighed two competing interests:

o One of the questions we asked in the recent member survey was whether homeowners favored setting up an "improvements fund" to permit new projects to be done in the future. The response to that question was that 52% of the respondents either "strongly agreed" or "agreed" that we should do so. 27% of respondents either "strongly disagreed" or "disagreed." 21% were "neutral." Of those who expressed an opinion (i.e., they were not neutral), 66% of those responding members favored setting up an improvements fund. These results argued strongly for including an amount for an improvements fund as part of the 2020 budget.

o Nonetheless, we recognized that a substantial minority of homeowners were not in favor and we received communications from several of the condominium associations and many of their members urging us not to include a dues increase for this purpose.

o Trying to balance both sets of interests, we decided we would not increase the annual assessment by \$200 as we had suggested earlier, and instead approved an increase of \$100. Of this amount, \$71/homeowner will go to the new capital improvements fund (the remaining \$29 will cover operating expenses).

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The result of contributing \$71/homeowner to capital improvements is a total amount of \$105,000. We have not yet designated any amount for any specific project, but we intend to look at utilizing the funds in a variety of smaller improvements. Examples of the kinds of projects we will be looking at which received support in the survey include: (1) some permanent shade cover by the pool area; (2) additional pieces of fitness equipment; (3) additional equipment for the Snack Shack operation; (4) a climbing structure for pre-teenage children; (5) some additional free game equipment for the game room; (6) other items in the \$5,000-10,000 range which may come out of the discussions we will have in the December workshops.

We hope this gives you a good understanding of the thought process which the Board went through in coming up with the 2020 budget and the \$100 assessment increase it includes. We also hope to see many of you at the December workshops as we try to refine ideas and concepts for the future of our Community Center with your help.



Mike Plishner,  
Board President



Made you smile.

Crossing a wide-open space with the crunch of snow under your boots will do that for you. It sure does for us. Recently, we teamed up with the Tahoe Resource Conservation District and partners to turn Johnson Meadow into 206 acres of public land for everyone to enjoy. Our next mission here? To restore this watershed and prevent tons, literally tons, of fine sediment from flowing into Lake Tahoe. When we see people enjoying Lake Tahoe this much, we know we're making great strides.



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### Winter Parking Restrictions In Effect

The Northstar Community Services District would like to remind residents that parking on public roadways is prohibited each winter from November 1st through April 1st. Vehicles that violate this restriction may be cited, towed or bermed in during snow removal operations. Snow berms that form on private driveways are the responsibility of the property owner to remove. It is unlawful to place snow removed from berms back onto the street. A 15-foot snow storage easement exists along the edge of all roadways. Damage to landscaping and other property is

likely within the easement and is the responsibility of the property owner. Although the District usually plows all public roadways multiple times within a 24-hour period during storms, significant storm events may limit the duration between passes to just once a day. Chains and/or 4WD/AWD vehicles with snow tires may be required on vehicles during significant snowfall as well. Drivers must clear snow from all windows, hoods, lights and car roofs in order to operate safely on public roadways. Pedestrians are encouraged to use extra caution when walking along roadways due to the reduced visibility caused by snow banks and the potential for icy conditions. Parents must not allow children to sled or play on roads or on snow piles adjacent to roads due to the extreme danger associated with the heavy equipment used for snow removal operations. During Caltrans chain control operations over Brockway Summit on highway 267, Highlands View Drive will be closed between Sawmill Heights and the highway.



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## Strategic Planning and Vision Committee Report

**\*\*\*\*INITIAL VISION SURVEY COMPLETED\*\*\*\***  
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### Fantastic Participation.

We recently completed the Initial Vision Survey which was intended to solicit feedback on areas of improvement for our Community Center. We were excited that 53% of you receiving the survey took the time to provide your opinion.

**700**

# OF RESPONSES

We received almost 700 responses to our survey representing >50% response rate!

### Improvements Supported.

It is clear from the results that improvements are desired and it is also clear that you want us to develop more refined plans and consider alternatives so you can have an informed opinion on potential options.

**66%**

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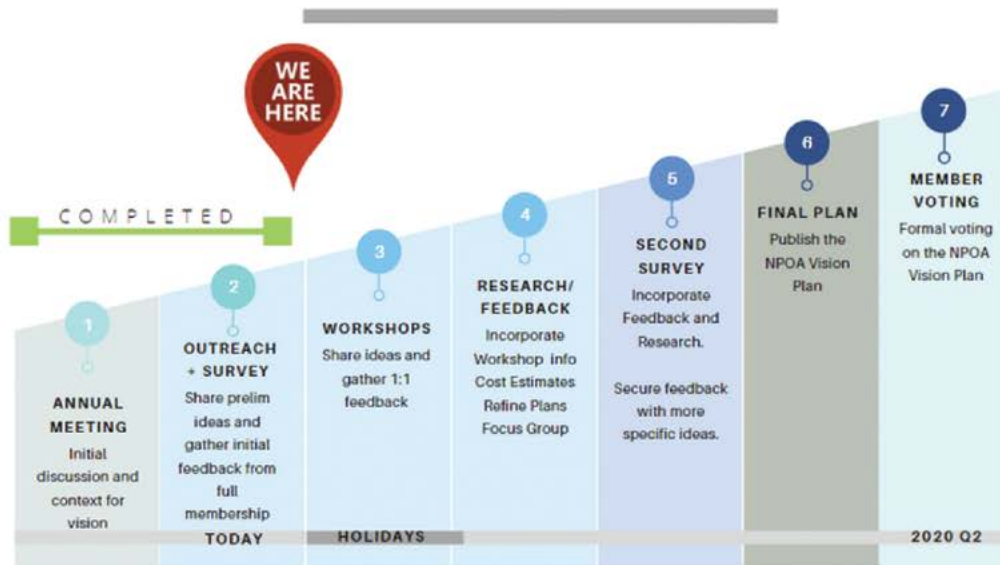
66% of those with an opinion supported establishing a capital improvement fund.

### Early in the Process.

This survey is one of the early steps to ensure that we evolve to a set of initiatives that will be supported by a majority of our fellow members.

We learned a lot and are viewing the initial survey as directional and informative to guide and refine concepts that we will be working on over the coming weeks.

## PROCESS/TIMELINE



# Strategic Planning and Vision Committee Report



## Mark your calendar - holiday workshops.

Our next formal engagement will be a couple of workshops over the holidays on **Dec 27th and Jan 2nd both at 3:00pm - 5:00pm** in the Adult Center. During these sessions (both the same), we will be sharing a set of ideas refined by the survey results, listening to your alternative ideas and looking for constructive feedback. This is not a meeting where we will be discussing costs, funding, etc but only to continue to refine ideas and alternative improvement scenarios.



## Member participation needed.

With this feedback, we will be studying the results and developing more detailed alternatives with the goal of sharing the next level of specificity as to potential ideas and concepts.



## Communication.

We expect to continue our communications using digital as our primary method - email and website. We will be posting to the website and sending updates so please watch your inbox! We are also working on a members-only site to be launched before the end of the year. If you haven't already, please provide your email address and you will be added to the communication list. You can call the NPOA office or send an email to [npoavision@npoa.info](mailto:npoavision@npoa.info) with your information.

Strategic Planning and Visioning  
Committee

Steve Klei, Chair  
Sue Cordonnier  
John Bowe



## 24th Annual Truckee River Day

2019 was one of our most successful Truckee river Days with over 500 volunteers. Thank you to everyone who came out, and all the community support that made this possible!

### Donner Camp

An existing turnpike of a popular trail that passed through wetlands was flooding every year, harming the trail and contributing sediment downstream.

Truckee River Day volunteers built a new boardwalk across the wetlands.

### Perazzo Meadows

In 2019 we completed the final phase of 1 10 year restoration project in Perazzo Meadows restoring hundreds of acres of alpine meadow. Truckee River Day volunteers helped with the restoration—installing check dams, planting willows,

and planting trees that helped improve native vegetation and habitat.

### Mclver Dairy

In 2019, we completed the Mclver Dairy Meadow restoration project, reducing sediment that flows downstream into the Truckee River by up to 2 tons. Truckee River Day volunteers planted native

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## Benefits of Drinking Water

We have all heard the traditional “you need to drink 8 glasses of water per day to be healthy”, but what does water actually do to your body?

- It regulates your body temperature, which is crucial to stay healthy. Your body loses water through sweat during physical activities and hot environments. Your sweat keeps you cool to some extent, but your body temperature will rise if you do not replenish the water you lost (your body loses electrolytes and plasma when you get dehydrated.)
- It helps to maximize physical activities and make you're the best possible athlete. Hydration affects your endurance, power, and strength. High intensity sports are most likely to get you dehydrated faster. Exercising in the heat without enough water can include serious medical conditions, like decreased blood pressure and hyperthermia. Extreme dehydration can cause seizures and even death.
- It helps creating saliva, which indirectly is essential in breaking down solid foods and keeping your mouth healthy.
- Water protects your tissues, spinal cord, and joints in a way that it helps lubricate and cushion them.
- Water will help your digestion. Experts have proven that drinking water before, during, and after a meal will help your body break down the food more easily.
- Drinking enough water improves your blood oxygen circulation. Water carries beneficial nutrients and oxygen to your body. Water will help you fight illness much faster, such as constipation, kidney stones, exercise-induced asthma, urinary tract infection, and hypertension. Water also helps you absorb essential vitamins, minerals, and nutrients from food, which will make you healthier overall.
- Drinking enough water will help your cognitive function, which means you will be more focused, alert, and improve your short-term memory.
- Dehydration has a direct impact on your mood, as it can result in fatigue, confusion, and anxiety.
- Water will keep your skin beautiful, as it promotes the production of collagen.

As a result, not drinking enough water can cause dehydration, which can lead to several severe complications such as swelling of your brain, kidney failure, seizures, etc.

People get about 20 percent of their daily water intake from food. The rest is dependent on drinking water and water-based beverages. So, ideally men would consume about 100 ounces (3.0 liters) of water from beverages, and women, about 73 ounces (2.12 liters) from beverages.

You'll have to increase your water intake if you're exercising or living in a hotter region to avoid dehydration. The bottom line is always keep a bottle of water around you, and you will be much healthier as a whole.



Guillaume Tonelli,  
Tennis Director

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meadow vegetation as part of this meadow restoration.

### Martis Wildlife Area

In 2019, we completed the Martis Wildlife Area restoration project, restoring 70 acres of meadow and 2 miles of stream. Truckee River Day volunteers placed slash and woody debris in log jams and installed willow poles at Lookout and Middle Martis Creeks, and built check dams and spread seed and mulch to help restore heavily impacted areas along Mainstem Martis Creek as part of this meadow restoration.

### How Can I help?

Here is our current wish list:

- 20 Ambassadors over the next 12 months
- 20 Adopt-A-Stream Team Leaders

- 20 New Truckee River Day Group Leaders for Truckee River Day 2020

*Thank you to the funders who made Truckee River Day possible—the donors of the Truckee River Watershed Council, Northstar of California, National Forest Foundation, Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, Truckee Chamber of Commerce, and Vail EpicPromise. For more information on our Truckee River Day Projects, contact Michele prestowitz at 530.550.8760.*

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Jan 4	Teens Cooking Camp	Jan 31	Date Night- Burgundy
Jan 10	Sushi	Feb 1	Entrée Soups for Winter
Jan 11	Culinary Boot Camp	Feb 4	Teens' Cook
Jan 14	Beginner's Kitchen	Feb 6	Gnocchi
Jan 15	Techniques Series	Feb 7	Taste of Thailand
Jan 16	Cooking for Health	Feb 8	Profiteroles & Eclairs
Jan 17	Taste of Tuscany	Feb 11	Knife Skills Workshop
Jan 18	Croissant Workshop	Feb 14	Love Bites
Jan 22	Girls' Night Out- Tapas	Feb 19	Techniques 4
Jan 23	Ravioli & Tortellini	Feb 20	Cast Iron Cooking
Jan 24	Chinese Takeout	Feb 21	Taste of Sicily
Jan 25	Knife Sharpening	Feb 22	Wild Game - Care & Cooking
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Lara Ritchie

## Picking a Non-stick Pan

What if I told you using the right pan meant you could have dessert? That's right, which pan you choose will ultimately decide not just what flavors you will create, but also how much fat you need to properly cook your food. Cooking comes down to ingredients, techniques and what equipment you need to conduct heat efficiently and effectively to produce great results.

Nonstick pans are a great tool and offer more than just easy cleanup. We recommend nonstick pans for cooking eggs, fish and batter items like pancakes and crepes. Here are three things to consider when choosing a nonstick pan.

### What is the pan made of and is it safe to use?

All non-stick pans have a coating of some type. For safety, definitely look for a pan that is PFOA free. Pans made with PFOA coating (mainly Teflon) have been found to be harmful when the pan is overheated and the PFOA "off gases" into the room. Not good! So please, if you have any scratched up, old non-stick pans, throw them away. Notice I did not say to donate them either. This brings up a key point though for all nonstick cookware—nonstick pans, because of the coating, are designed to be medium heat pans. To get the best performance and durability, do not heat your nonstick pan above 400-450 degrees.

### How does the pan perform?

Just like in other cookware, the main thing you are looking for is a pan that will conduct the heat effectively and evenly around the

pan. Ideally, you are looking for a 3-ply pan (Stainless Steel-Aluminum-Stainless Steel) with a top of the line nonstick coating. Our "go-to" nonstick pans are:

1. Cristel Casteline- 5-ply core cooking base with 3-ply sides—a dream to cook on because of its amazing heat distribution. Cristel uses Excellis, a top of the line, PFOA free coating, that is manufacture using a 3 layer coating process. It has a 10 year warranty which is virtually unheard of in the nonstick cookware industry. \$195-\$295
2. Chantal Induction 21- The Chantal nonstick frypan incorporates a 3-ply diffuser cooking base with titanium and copper infused stainless steel sides. The coating is a very durable nonstick silicone ceramic coating, think a high tech pyrex and you get the picture. \$60-\$120
3. Frieling Black Cube- This pan is interesting and works great, especially if you like to use metal utensils. The Black Cube is a "hybrid" 3-ply core pan that incorporates stainless steel pixels/cubes with nonstick coating in the valleys for its cooking surface. Food essentially cooks on the stainless steel pixels which keeps the coating safe from scratching when using metal utensils. \$50-\$110

### How durable is a non-stick pan?

They do have a shelf life. Each manufacturer will have slightly different standards of care for their pan. As long as your pan doesn't contain PFOA then it will never be "unsafe" to cook in, but the non-stick property may diminish over time requiring you to use fat to cook in the pan. Generally, non-stick pans have a shelf life around 3 years. Cristel offers a 10 year guarantee for their non-stick pan, so you won't have to replace it as often as a lesser quality pan. Remember it is very important to not overheat these pans to extend their useful life.

The fun part of cooking is placing flavor where you want it. These non-stick pans give you grace when you don't want to use fat. What makes cooking easy is having a pan that works for you rather than you doing the heavy lifting. A pan that conducts heat efficiently and that is easy to clean makes cooking fun.



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(L-R): Northstar Women's Golf Club members at a luncheon at Jo Ann and Joe Polverari's. Front Row (L-R): Jo Ann Polverari, Julie Bryant, Sandy Campion, Susan Safipour, Veronica Kaufman. Back Row (L-R): Anne Middleton, Linda Morris, Carol Pawlak, Margie Lockwood, Marian Hansen, Kathryn Jaeger, Astrid Cousins and Marcia Gallagher.



(L-R): Northstar Women's Golf Club Championship winners Sandy Campion (tied for Low Net/Flight #2), Linda Morris (Club Champion/Overall Low Gross), Kathryn Jaeger (Low Net Champion/Overall Low Net), Margie Lockwood (1st Low Net/Flight #1) and Carol Pawlak (tied for 1st Low Net/Flight #2)

## Northstar Women's Golf Club

### Club Championship Results And 2020 Membership Campaign Starts in February 2020

The Northstar Women's Golf Club (NSWGC) hosted its 2019 Club Championship on Tuesday, August 27, and Wednesday, August 28 at the Northstar Golf Course. Winners of the two-day tournament included: Linda Morris, Club Champion (overall low gross); Kathryn Jaeger, Low Net Champion (overall low net); Margie Lockwood, 1st Low Net/Flight #1; and Sandy Campion and Carol Pawlak, Flight #2 tied for 1st Low Net/Flight #2.

After Day 1 of the championship, all NSWGC members were invited to a luncheon hosted by former NSWGC President Jo Ann Polverari, and her husband, Joe, at their home in Northstar. This was the third year for this special luncheon, which has been a great way of strengthening our golfing friendships. After the second day's play, members enjoyed lunch and an awards ceremony at the Northstar Clubhouse.

NWGC will recruit new and renewing members for the 2020 golf season, starting in February 2020. Starting on February 1, prospective and renewing members can obtain information about the NWGC by contacting Anne Middleton, NWGC President, at 858-229-2140 or [anne.middleton@me.com](mailto:anne.middleton@me.com).

NWGC members enjoy playing at the Northstar Golf Course on Tuesday mornings during the golfing season. Our ladies' group is friendly yet plays by USGA rules -- while enjoying a beautiful golf course. While Northstar is a public course, NWGC members enjoy amenities more common at private clubs - a convenient golf bag drop off, talented golf professionals who offer individual and group lessons, a restaurant/bar, and a well-equipped pro shop.

NWGC members range from those with long-established

handicaps -- to those who did not have a handicap before joining the NWGC. So, if you're thinking about establishing a handicap for the first time, come do it with us at Northstar. In 2019, NWGC annual dues of \$70 included: membership in the Northern Nevada Golf Association (NNGA), GHIN handicap services and reduced green fees at Northstar on NSWGC Play Days.



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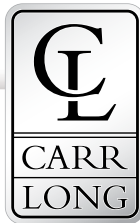
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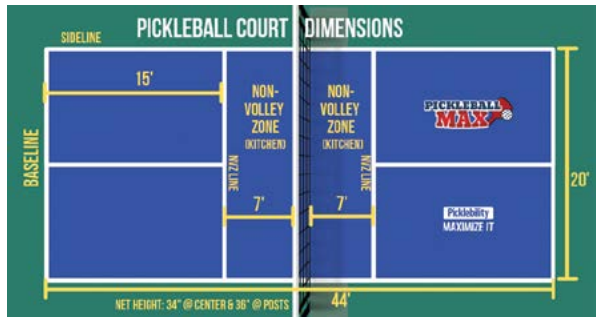
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holes thought it like a wiffleball, and you use different types of balls whether you play indoors or outdoors.

### Basic Rules Overview

- Pickleball is played either as doubles (two players per team) or singles; doubles is most common.
- The same size playing area and rules are used for both singles and doubles.
- The serve must be made underhand.
- Paddle contact with the ball must be below the server's waist (navel level).
- The serve is initiated with at least one foot behind the baseline; neither foot may contact the baseline or court until after the ball is struck.
- The serve is made diagonally cross court and must land within the confines of the opposite diagonal court.
- Only one serve attempt is allowed, except in the event of a let (the ball touches the net on the serve and lands on the proper service court; let serves are replayed).

You can find the full set of rules at : <https://www.usapa.org/rules-summary/>

### Pickleball Popularity & History

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing racquet sports in America according to NBC news. Rich Neher gives us a little bit of history on how the game started becoming popular:

"Pickleball was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle, Washington. Three dads—Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum—whose kids were bored with their usual summertime activities are credited for creating the game. Pickleball has evolved from original handmade equipment and simple rules into a popular sport throughout the U.S. and Canada. The game is growing internationally as well with many European and Asian countries adding courts."

A pickleball court measures 20-by-44 feet, which means that it is much smaller than a tennis court. The same court is used for both singles and doubles, and the net is 36 inches high at the sidelines and 34 inches high in the middle. You use a paddle that is smaller than a tennis racquet but larger than a ping pong paddle. Today's paddles are very well made and have evolved to be primarily built of lightweight composite materials, including aluminum and graphite. The ball used for pickleball is also very unique: it has



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### Why Do Power Outages Happen?

There are several causes for a power outage and the potential for one exists year-round. At the technical level, all outages are a result of an electrical short, blown fuse or equipment failure. But some of the more common catalysts include:

- Winter storms that knock trees or branches into power lines
- Vehicle accidents into power poles
- Critters and birds that ignore high voltage signs and end up touching the wrong wires, transformers or substations
- Scheduled maintenance or system upgrades
- Transmission disruption (power isn't getting to us)
- Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) or de-energization to mitigate wildfire risk

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Most power outages do not come with advanced notice, which is why those that do are usually with good reason. Planned outages for scheduled maintenance or system upgrades are an effort by Liberty Utilities to improve reliability and reduce the potential for future outages. Additionally, Liberty Utilities will also issue PSPS, a type of a planned outage to mitigate wildfire risk. However, due to rapidly changing weather conditions, advanced notice may be minimal.

Planned or unplanned. Winter, spring, summer or fall. The message is simple - power outages can happen any time, any day.

### How Long Does an Outage Last?

Each outage is different and numerous factors contribute to the length, including the time of day, complexity of the problem, and location and accessibility to the transmission line in question. Typical outages last between several minutes and eight hours. However, it is not all that uncommon for an outage to last a day or more. Although an outage duration of an hour or two is inconvenient, food won't spoil, water will stay hot and the temperature of your home won't change too much. However, an extended outage, like a PSPS, will begin to present challenges beyond just inconvenience. To learn more about PSPS, visit <https://california.libertyutilities.com/north-lake-tahoe/residential/safety/electrical/wildfire-mitigation.html>

### How Can I Prepare?

Liberty Utilities is working tirelessly to educate and prepare our customers and communities for short- and long-term power outages, but we can't do it alone. Customers should consider

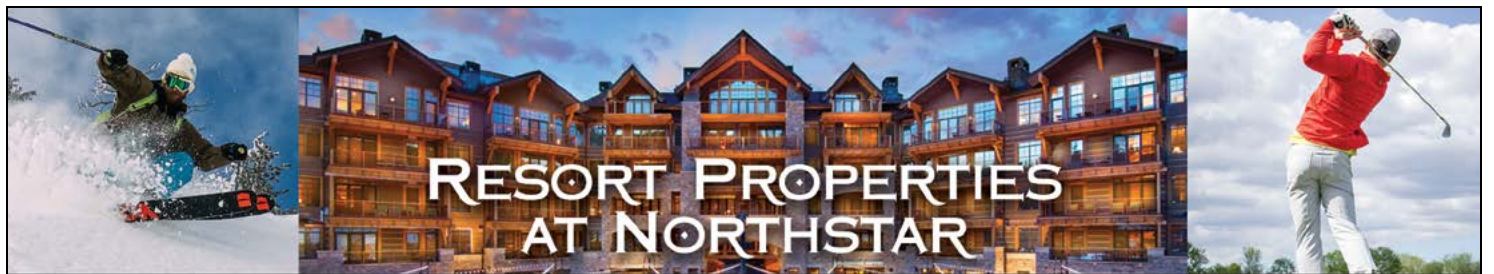
the following to ensure their homes, businesses and families are prepared:

- Call 1.800.782.2506 to confirm your contact information is up-to-date, so Liberty Utilities can alert you of outages, potential PSPSs and other emergency notifications. For significant planned or unplanned outages, including a PSPS, customers can receive email, text and/or voice notifications, so that they can plan accordingly based on the estimated outage duration.
- Plan for medical needs that may be impacted by a power shutoff, including medications that need refrigeration or devices that require power. Be sure to register any medical-related energy needs at 1-800-782-2506.
- Create an emergency kit including flashlights, batteries and first aid supplies. For additional emergency kit necessities, consult Ready.gov.
- Store nonperishable foods and water to support your family for a minimum of 48 hours.
- Consider purchasing a solar powered back-up battery device to keep small electronics such as cell phones, tablets and even computers charged.

### During an outage, you should:


- Keep your refrigerator and freezer closed as much as possible. The contents will not spoil for many hours if the door is kept closed.
- Turn off all appliances, including computers and peripherals, especially those that generate heat. This helps prevent hazards or damage when service is restored.

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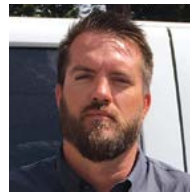
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- Turn off all lights except one inside your home/business and one outside. The inside light lets you see, and the outside light lets Liberty Utilities' crews know when the power is back on.
- Conserve electricity in the first hours after power is restored to prevent further outages on your lines.
- Keep all doors closed to keep the heat inside.

Liberty Utilities does everything it can to provide safe, reliable electric service. However, between Mother Nature, accidents and maintenance, power outages do occur and being prepared is the best possible way to mitigate the inconvenience. Local and Responsive. We Care.



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This issues bridge article is by Michael Berkowitz written on 2/22/2019. Michael is a well known and respected bridge teacher and writer. He grew up in a bridge playing household - both parents are World Champion players - and learned to play bridge at age of seven, considered himself a good player at 14 but didn't get serious until after college. He worked as a teacher and director at Honors Bridge Club in NYC and later become Head Director for both Aces and Cavendish Bridge Clubs. He's known as New York's most-loved director for his friendliness, quick wit and compassion.

## Planning Ahead

"It's easy," my Grandmother explained as I watched on. "You put oil in a pan on the fire then you use a food processor to shred potatoes and onions and then add a few things. By the time the oil is hot you're ready to fry up latkes." Going to school in North Carolina, I was eager to introduce my friends to this Jewish treat. I invited a dozen or so people over, got all the ingredients, put some oil in a pan on the stove and looked around my dorm kitchen for a food processor. Then I calmly said "Oh shit!"

In cooking and in bridge it's important to look to the next step before you commit to a course of action. Otherwise you may find yourself with hungry friends and a flaming pan of vegetable oil.

If you'll have no clue what to rebid after a particular opening bid we should consider a different starting point!

## No Trump

Consider this hand:

♠KJ4 ♥AQ1094 ♦AQ ♣876

If you are one of those people who doesn't open NT with five-card majors, the important question is:

What is your next bid going to be? With this hand, if you instead open 1♥, it's hard to know what to do after partner's bid. If partner bids 1♠ or 1NT do you bid 2NT? Do you raise spades? What if partner raises

to 2♥? Do you invite? That's one reason it's better to open 1NT.

Opening 1NT with somewhat unusual hands can solve lots of problems:

♠Q8 ♥AQ76 ♦AK743 ♣J6

You have two doubletons, so would you describe your hand as balanced?

Absolutely! 15 - 17 points? Yup! Those are our two requirements for opening notrump. 1NT will save us an awkward rebid. Imagine 1♦ - P - 1♠ - P?

Similarly, ♠K7 ♥AQ ♦J109765 ♣AJ5 opening NT here avoids having to bid a junky looking diamond suit twice. Having a six-card minor doesn't disqualify our hand from being balanced.

Aside from saving us rebidding problems and conveying our hand nicely to partner in one go, opening NT allows partner to place the contract most of the time. We have lots of good tools available: Stayman, Transfers, etc.

If we are worried that our opponents will crowd out the bidding, get started early.

With ♠5 ♥AK953 ♦K10986 ♣76 open 1♥ then bid diamonds when possible. This will show your shape nicely. If you wait, you may never get a chance.

With two five-card suits, you will always start with the higher ranking suit. If you have a six-card and a five-card major, make your plan before your first bid. With ♠5 ♥K10843 ♦AQ9854 ♣7 you might open 1♥ to allow yourself a diamond rebid. Or you could open 1♦ then, but when partner bids 1♠, you might get stuck repeating diamonds rather than showing your five-card major (which would be a reverse showing a much stronger hand).

If you have a hand that is 6-4 like ♠KQJ954 ♥5 ♦Q1087 ♣62 and you'd like to preempt, you might consider preempting one level HIGHER (3S) than you would normally. You should only do this if your four-card suit is a minor or a really ugly looking major suit. If you only open two you will be tempted to bid again

later on, giving your opponents too much free rein. Try to preempt as high as possible the first time.

## The Bottom Line

Before picking your first bid (or pass), think about the way you will show your hand to your partner. If your 'standard' option is going to leave you at a loss, consider doing 'something else'.

*Northstar Bridge Club plays on Wednesdays from 1:30 - 4:30pm at the NPOA Adult Center. You don't need a partner or have to live in Northstar to play. Contact Astrid Cousins at 530.913.4020 or astridwc@aol.com for more information and to sign up to play. Cost is \$2. Play is 'duplicate style' the first Wednesday of the month and can sometimes go until 5pm. You play with the same partner all day with duplicate boards following duplicate guidelines. Astrid Cousins runs the duplicate game.*

Kathleen Semrad,  
The Bridge Whisperer

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## Forest Futures: Convening Experts In Policy, Forestry And Investment

### Forest Health: A Pressing Need And Imminent Threat

Our forests are dangerously overcrowded, we see this every day in Tahoe-Truckee. And other California forests suffer as well. Decades of mismanagement and prolonged drought has led to hazardous conditions. Dead and dying piles of limbs, branches, and small trees (all referred to as biomass) await removal in large piles throughout our forests, increasing fire hazard in a community already slated as high risk.

### Through The Lens Of Community

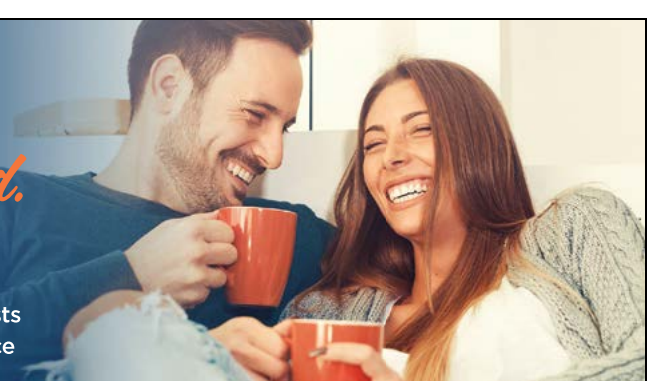
In 2015, Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation's (TTCF) Board

of Directors identified Forest Health as one of its primary impact initiatives. It was clear to them that drought, bark beetle, and wildfire threatened our region. "Seeking market-based solutions for forest health" is TTCF's rallying cry. In a community that depends on unpredictable weather patterns, how can we address two challenges with a single solution? Putting our trees and our people to work. Since then, TTCF has gathered experts in the fields of environmentalism, policy, forestry, investment, and philanthropy to collectively discover a solution to our forest health problem. Additionally, its grants have funded forest projects such as the development of artificial intelligence technology and community education programs.

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## September 2019: A Deep Dive Into Solutions

In mid-September 2019, TTCF co-hosted a gathering of nearly fifty leaders in Truckee and Loyalton, CA. Guests included policy makers, philanthropists, investors, forestry experts, and biomass market experts. TTCF's cosponsors included Sierra Business Council (SBC), ARP Renewable Power (ARP), and facilitating partner the Joint Institute for Wood Innovation through the California Board of Forestry.

The objective was to engage diverse leaders on one question:

**How do we create regional biomass economies in rural California as a way to approach forest management?**

### Four Steps To Healthier Forests

Together, we toured sites, participated in workshops, and heard compelling presentations. Experts asked and answered questions, we tested assumptions and drew out potential pathways to solutions. Eventually we began zero-ing in on challenges and opportunities at each stage of transformation of wood from the forest floor to markets.

#### Harvesting and Transportation: A Sharing Economy

Harvesting and transportation of biomass is costly. It requires

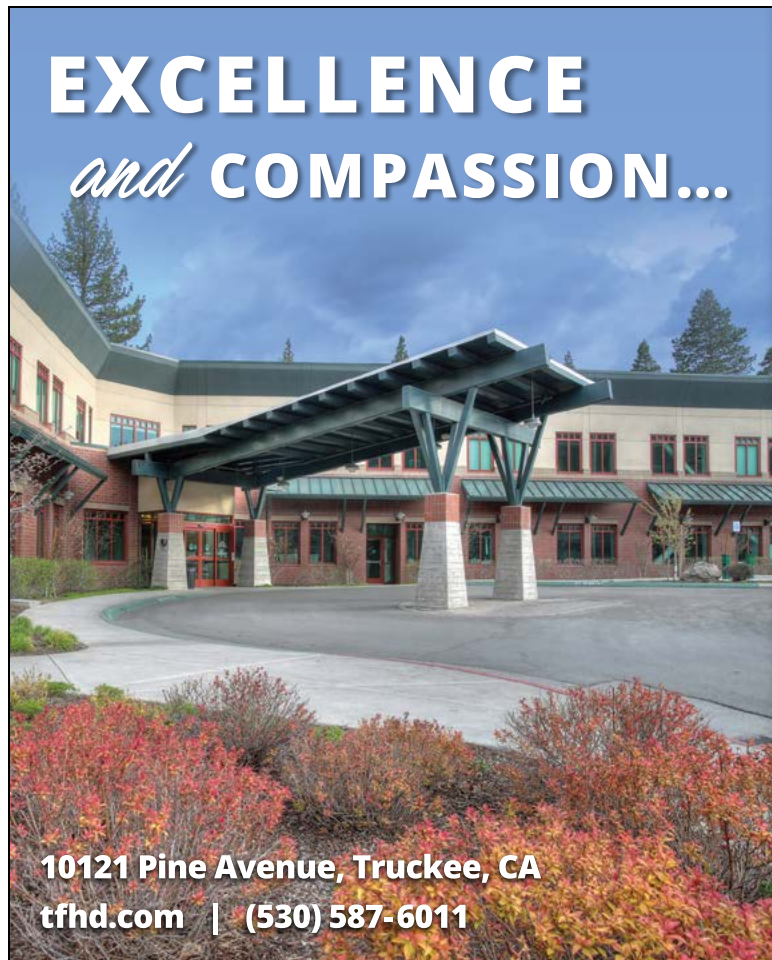
specialized, expensive equipment to access and harvest slash piles located deep in the forest. Millions of dollars are required upfront to purchase the equipment and consistent, reliable financing is needed to employ trained professionals to operate, maintain and repair the equipment.

Instead of a single forest project operator making this risky investment, a cooperative of organizations could use a blend of philanthropic and public funds to purchase equipment suites for local projects. Forest operators, often small entrepreneurs, could rent the equipment while the collective owners would be responsible for equipment maintenance and liability. This would encourage forest projects to scale at the rate we need them to. TTCF has stepped forward, alongside Sierra Business Council, to seek State funding to test this solution.

#### Processing: A Campus Model

The touch-stone project of the Forest Futures gathering was the 200-acre Loyalton Biomass Facility and Resource-Regen Campus. Loyalton's biomass facility closed ten years ago, and with it fell Loyalton's population. Two years ago, American Renewable Power

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bought the biomass plant. In consort with Sierra Business Council, ARP is moving towards a campus model. The vision is to bring entrepreneurs and businesses on-site, match them with Impact Investors, and offer on-site job training and housing. The campus would be a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship transforming small diameter trees and biomass into high value wood products. Benefitting from onsite infrastructure, businesses would be powered by renewable energy, heat and steam processed on-site and lightning fast gigabit fiber already in place.

Infrastructure like this exists already in many rural areas: old abandoned sawmills and biomass facilities. Locally-owned and/or cooperatively owned facilities could provide local jobs and invigorate economies across rural California's forested communities.

**Markets: Electricity to Carbon-Sequestering Wood Products**

Several types of products in a single processing plant could increase efficiency and cost effectiveness. A plant producing its own electrical energy lowers the cost for production of advanced wood products with higher price points— for example: cross-laminated timber (CLT), oriented strand board (OSB) and bioplastics.

These products sequester carbon for a long time while replacing carbon-intensive steel and concrete. With supportive policy shifts, such as requiring new public sector buildings and affordable housing projects to use California-produced wood products, these products could help California meet its ambitious climate and housing goals!

**Innovative Financing**

All of this will require public, private, and philanthropic leaders to leverage resources and think creatively about opportunities to scale solutions together.

Blue Forest Conservation's Forest Resiliency Bond is a perfect example of this cooperation. The public-private partnership provides upfront funding for approved forest management projects in the form of a bond. Investors receive a modest return when financing is repaid by public utilities, state agencies, and flood control districts. Many businesses who benefit from increased forest health and lower wildfire risk, such as insurance companies and institutional investors, have seen this as a wise and timely investment.

**What Now?**

Decreasing catastrophic fire may be the motivation for swift action and increased funding, but the co-benefits and avoided costs of a campus-model processing plant, in dollars and carbon,

are truly exciting. These strategies can save the communities we love, reduce toxic air in our cities, increase biodiversity, decrease mudslides and flooding, maintain healthy watersheds for the entire state, and more.

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# Highlands Gondola Operating Calendar 19/20

(Final as of 11/15/19)

	Winter	Operates 7:45am - 9:00pm
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	Summer	Operates 3:00pm - 10:00pm
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Winter operations begin Opening Day of 19/20 Ski Season,  
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 Weekend / Holiday  Operates Sat. - Sun. & Holidays 7:30am - 10:00pm  
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 Neighborhood service runs from 10am-10pm Friday to Sunday. It starts Labor Day until the end of September.

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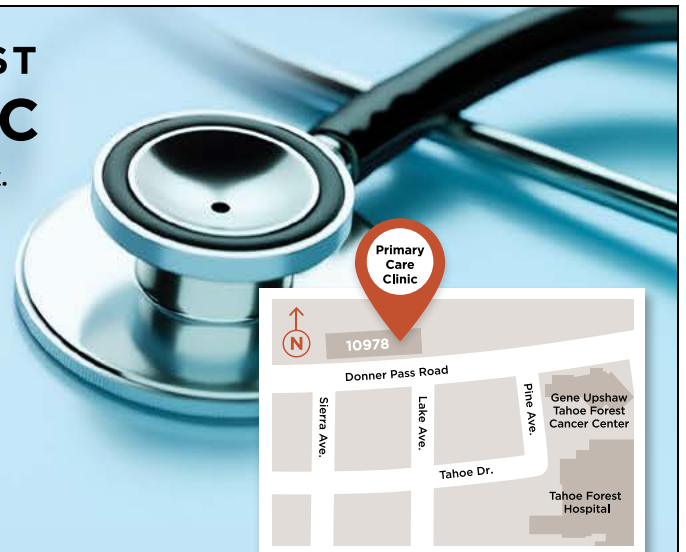
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## Indian Hills

At the time of writing this article, we only have signs of winter coming and the hope for many feet of snow falling in our near future! One sign that is clear to see is the new welcome signs to Indian Hills! Our signage project is complete with new condo number signs, reminders of where not to park and the welcome sign. We hope it makes it easy to find your way around our beautiful community.

When staying in Indian Hills please remember to display your parking permit. Security will be checking, ticketing and towing if necessary and that can ruin a great day on the mountain! As the temperature drops, just a reminder to leave the inside temperature to 50 degrees and turn off the water. Broken pipes are no fun to deal with.

As you have seen through full color mailings, and in the last edition of this magazine, the NPOA Board has embarked upon a mission to update the Recreation Center. Appreciate the effort to collect input from owners to help shape what changes the homeowners might want. Without determining how much possible changes might cost, it is impossible to determine if the proposed improvements would be acceptable to homeowners.

The Indian Hills HOA Board of Directors is disappointed that the NPOA Board increased your dues beyond what was needed for increased operating expenses to create a new Capital Improvement fund without providing you any plans or costs.

The signs of winter are on the way in Northstar and we hope the NPOA Board will heed the signs of concern about not trying to be like other resorts that could not sustain their improvements and remember we have what none of the other communities have- a great mountain!

## Aspen Grove

As I write this article, it is nearing the middle of November and it is a sunny Fall day. It's hard to believe that skiing is just around the corner.

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At Aspen Grove we have had a very busy summer season. We started off with our homeowners cleaning up our common areas and expanding our defensible space to decrease fire danger. Our second annual Aspen Grove work party is tentatively scheduled for June 27, 2020. The actual date will be posted in our Aspen Grove Newsletter.

Homeowners have replaced any remaining charcoal barbecues with either natural gas or propane stoves. Fire resistant tarps have also been employed to cover any firewood stored on our decks.

In terms of repairs and improvements: we have finished the final phase of our re-staining project and have removed the stainless steel chimneys from the Tower Buildings. We finished the second

phase of our foundation repairs and have started replacing our old asphalt pathways with new paver pathways. These new pathways will have more steps than the former pathways, but this was necessary to meet code. Alternatives for identifying the actual steps and additional pathway lighting are currently under consideration. This project will not only enhance the aesthetics of our community, but will address safety concerns. It will take another year or two to complete.

All new signage has been completed throughout the Aspen Grove Community and we continue to move forward on the permitting process for installing two monument signs. Both the Aspen Grove Board of Directors and Placer County have approved the design and overall plan for these signs. The final step is to

have a licensed surveyor confirm the exact location of the signs so that they meet county requirements.

Finally, as soon as the remaining foundation work is completed, alternatives for covering the bare cinder block foundations throughout the Aspen Grove community are being explored and bids are currently being collected.

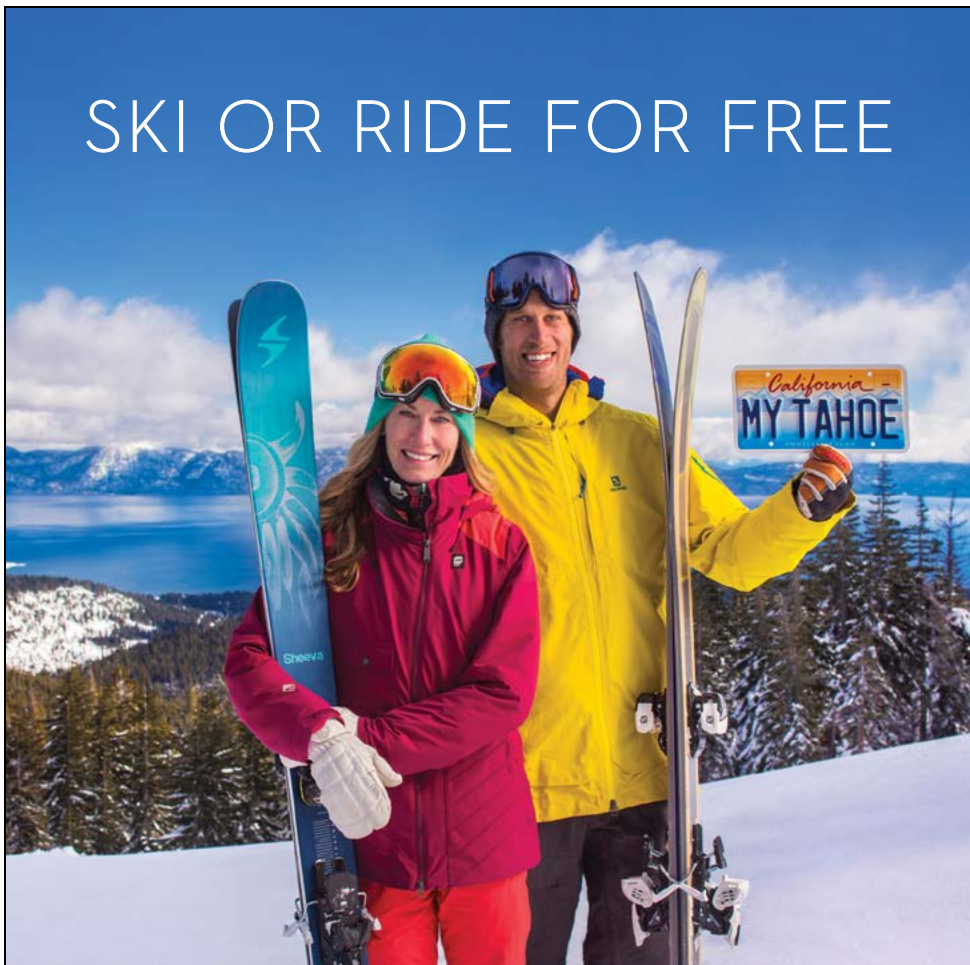
## Gold Bend

Northstar is bustling with excitement as mountain and village teams prepare to open for the 2019-20 season. Winter is definitely in the air and we're looking forward to another epic ski season!

Beginning this year, Northstar will begin charging for day parking in the Yellow Lots. Due to this, we expect to see an

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uptick in day skiers who will park in our lot and hop on the shuttles instead of parking in the general lots. To that end, Gold Bend will be displaying prominent "No Parking" signs and Northstar Security will continue to monitor our lots.

Please make sure you and your guests have a valid parking permit clearly visible in your windshield. All cars without either an owner sticker or a guest pass are subject to ticketing and/or towing. If you need an owner's sticker, please contact CAMCO.

As you may be aware, the Northstar Property Owners Association (NPOA) board, at its annual meeting, floated the idea of establishing a Capital Improvement Fund. There has been a lot of controversy surrounding this and the Gold Bend Board encourages every homeowner to make their opinions known directly to the NPOA Board.

Please involve yourselves through the NPOA surveys and scheduled meetings. You can also contact the Board directly by emailing [npoa@npoa.info](mailto:npoa@npoa.info). Your participation will serve to make our greater Northstar community stronger, and more representative of what our community wants and needs from its shared facilities.

In closing, we encourage all homeowners to comply with the Gold Bend Defensible Space Requirements as outlined by the Northstar Fire Department, by encasing any firewood stored on homeowner's rear decks in a fire-retardant tarp. Acceptable fire-retardant tarps are available at Mountain Hardware in Truckee.

Get up to the mountains and enjoy all that Gold Bend and Northstar have to offer!!



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**W**alking into Copper Lane Café & Provisions in the afternoon, you might catch a whiff of chocolate chip cookies baking in the oven, hear the hearty clamor of tired families and friends enjoying hot drinks or a glass of wine after a long day on the ski hill, or see them munching on the ever popular “ski bum fries”.

If it’s not too busy, you will also likely hear a cheerful greeting from General Manager, Jessica Glick or one of her staff as they make espresso drinks or stock the retail side of the shop. Often, it’s Jessica herself behind the counter or finding the perfect spot for the new jewelry display as she explains to a guest where to find the milk.

A sunny, southern California native, Jessica never imagined she’d move away from the ocean and palm trees, let alone to a small mountain town like Truckee. Growing up, she loved skiing with her family over spring breaks, but not enough to move somewhere she might need to don something more than a cardigan on a November afternoon!

That was all before she met Jonathan Glick, who had great aspirations for the small café he’d remodeled after Earthly Delights owner Kelly Bailey retired and sold the spot to him. Jonathan’s passion for food and life drew Jessica in, and she soon fell in love with both him and Copper Lane.

Married this September, Jessica has been helping Jonathan run the café and market since she moved to Truckee to be closer over a year ago. Together, they’ve worked hard this year to expand the grocery and retail aisles of Copper Lane’s Provisions side. Their goal is to offer all the basics and a little something extra for both locals and visitors alike.

This winter, they’re excited to bring in approximately thirty new brands, focusing on products that align with their own values – small companies catering to a healthier lifestyle, environmentally friendly, and small or local brand options, to name a few. Locally, they are partnering with brands Truckee Love and Truckee River Winery to offer some truly local options to Northstar Village visitors.

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Winter Hours | Sunday – Thursday: 8am – 8pm | Friday & Saturday: 8am – 10pm | [Copperlanecafe.com](http://Copperlanecafe.com)



## Winter 2019

Northstar California Resort is a multi-season destination offering effortless family adventure. During the winter months, Northstar California is home to meticulously groomed runs, award-winning terrain parks and alpine activities including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and tubing. The Village at Northstar features boutique shopping, elevated dining experiences, a year-round outdoor skating rink, conference centers, movie theatre, alpine-chic lodging and more. Northstar California is located on Highway 267, six miles north of Lake Tahoe and six miles south of downtown Truckee. For more information visit [www.NorthstarCalifornia.com](http://www.NorthstarCalifornia.com).

## Ongoing

### Noel Nights - Nov 29 - Dec 20

The Village at Northstar becomes a Winter Wonderland featuring live music, ice skating, face painting, activities and Santa Claus himself. 5 - 8 pm

### Silent Nights - Thursdays, Dec 5 - Dec 26

Grab a pair of headphones from the Kid Zone and watch classic Holiday movies while ice skating or roasting s'mores. 5pm

**Live Music Series** - Friday, Sat & Sun thought April 19th. Join us all winter long for live music on the Rink stage from Friday to Sunday. 2 - 5pm

### S'Moresapalooza - Dec 21, Jan 18, Feb 1, Feb 15, Mar 7, Mar 14

Since we know how much you love s'mores, our culinary team is putting a delicious spin on the original recipe. We'll be set-up around the rink on select Saturdays with a few creative, delicious recipes for you to try!

**Sushi Pop-Up** - Tuesday/Wednesdays  
Dec 17 - Mar 3. Every Tuesday and Wednesday this Winter, Chef Josh Brown will be taking over the Copper Lane kitchen to bring Japanese inspired creations to The Village 4 - 9pm

### Friday Fun Nights - Fridays

Dec 27 - April 17. Enjoy complimentary face painting, ice skating or treats around a fire pit while our DJ spins your favorite tunes. 5 - 8pm

**Snowshoe Stargazing Tours** - Dec 28, Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 15, Feb 29 - Experience the winter night sky with a stargazing snowshoe tour.

## December 2019

- 19 - Silent Nights
- 20 - Friday Fun Nights
- 20 - Noel Nights
- 21 - S'Moresapalooza

## Are you prepared to receive announcements should there be an evacuation of Northstar?

To receive text messages that inform you of emergencies/evacuations and provide you with the specific details of "what to do" and "where to go," you must sign-up for:

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Visit [www.northstarcsd.org/fire](http://www.northstarcsd.org/fire)

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You will be asked to provide your name, address, telephone number, and email information.



- 24 - Breakfast with Santa
- 24 - Sushi Pop-up
- 26 - Silent Nights
- 27 - Friday Fun Nights
- 31 - Sushi Pop-up
- 31 - New Year's Eve Celebration

### January 2020

- 3 - Friday Fun Nights
- 7 - Sushi Pop-up
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- 31 - Friday Fun Nights

### February 2020

- 1 - S'Moresapalooza
- 4 - Sushi Pop-up
- 5 - Sushi Pop-up
- 7 - Friday Fun Nights
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### March 2020

- 3 - Sushi Pop-up
- 6 - Friday Fun Nights
- 7 - S'Moresapalooza
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For more information about events at Northstar California, visit the Resort Event Calendar here. Stay Connected with Northstar California Resort: Visit [NorthstarCalifornia.com](http://NorthstarCalifornia.com) for terrain updates, snow reports, lodging deals, event details and the lowest priced lift tickets guaranteed. Stay connected socially at [Facebook.com/Northstar](https://Facebook.com/Northstar) and follow @Northstar\_California on Instagram and Northstar\_CA on Twitter



Event Schedule is Subject to Change. For the most up-to-date information, visit [www.NorthstarCalifornia.com](http://www.NorthstarCalifornia.com)



# Village Dining

This season experience all the exquisite dining options that Northstar California has to offer. From the brand new Michael Mina Bourbon Pub, to fabulous apres cocktails served rink-side at the end of the day. Enjoy a meal with those that matter most! Your True North awaits.



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## Property Insurance Issues?

The Northstar Fire Department might be able to help. Many Californians located in wildfire-prone areas are experiencing dramatic increases in homeowners' insurance premiums or losing their insurance altogether. The Northstar community is no different. With the continuation of disastrous wildfires within our state, insurance issues will likely persist for the foreseeable future.

If you find yourself faced with the unfortunate and dreadful task of trying to retain or find new homeowners' insurance, the Northstar Fire Department would like to offer our assistance. Insurance companies are required to provide a 45-day notice for non-renewals. Please contact Joe Barron, the Northstar Fire Department's Forester at (530) 562-1212 ext. 2, as soon as you receive a non-renewal or cancellation notice. The Forester will inspect the property for compliance with the Northstar Community Services District and State of California requirements. Once compliance is obtained, the Forester will provide a customized insurance package to your insurance provider, pleading your case. All of this is offered to property owners in Northstar at no expense. Some of the documentation includes:

- Specific facilities and infrastructure serving Northstar that help to make our

district emergency prepared and safe.

- Specific maps and diagrams depicting the forest thinning and vegetation management performed near and around your property that will help to reduce the possible ignition or spread of wildfire.
- Specific documentation and photos depicting the defensible space work performed on your property.
- Home-hardening aspects of your structure that will help it to withstand a wildfire.
- Letters from the Fire Chief, Community Risk Reduction Chief, and Forester.

## What else is the Fire Department doing about this issue, you may ask.


- The district has three primary evacuation routes and several secondary routes.
- The Northstar CSD water infrastructure rivals most large cities.
- There are two fire stations within the community in operation 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.
- All firefighters are certified and equipped to mitigate wildland fires.
- The Fire Department has an (ISO) insurance rating of 2. The scale is from 1 to 10, with one being the best.
- The Fire Department is aggressive and extensive in its efforts in forest fuels and vegetation management within the open space common areas/forested lands and private properties of Northstar.
- The Fire Department has a full-time Forester whose primary responsibility is to protect the community of Northstar through forest fuel thinning and forest health projects.
- The Fire Department works directly with its numerous community partners to reduce the threat of wildfire through

collaboration. This collaboration includes seeking grant opportunities.

The Fire Department understands how upsetting and challenging it can be to retain or find property insurance. The department has successfully helped many of our constituents to maintain or find new homeowners' coverage. Please do not hesitate to call us. We recommend that you call us as soon as you receive a notification of non-renewal or termination. This will provide the department enough time to mount a defense that will hopefully reverse the unfavorable decision made by your insurer.



Sean Bailey, Northstar Fire Chief



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