

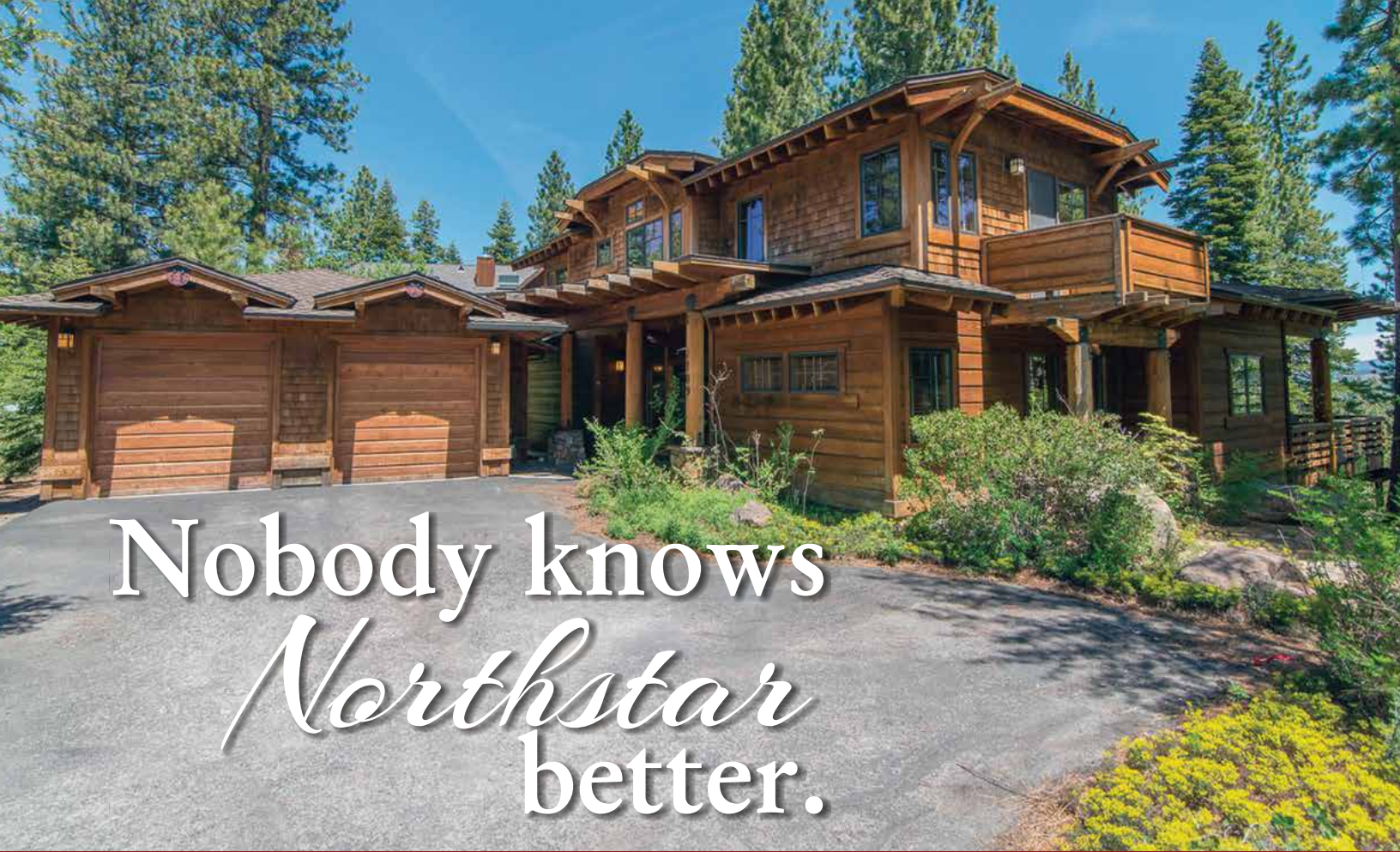
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**December 10, 9am**  
NPOA Board of Directors

**December 27, 9am**  
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The NPOA team and facilities are such an important part of our overall Northstar experience. My family and I are long-term members of the NPOA community and have spent countless summers (and ski weekends) enjoying all the amenities

Northstar has to offer. For the past year, I focused my NPOA board efforts on improving activities available at the rec center and implementing new homeowner events. In my new role as board president, I will continue to search for ways to improve your overall NPOA Rec Center experience.

as well as the Condominium Committee. Don Schreuder will also continue to chair the Community Development Committee. Paul Schumacher will continue to be our liaison for the Design Review Committee. Paul Schumacher, Mike Plishner and I will oversee the Personnel and Risk Management/Legal committees.

The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee chaired by Steve Klei will spend the next 6-8 months finalizing and implementing our plans for the homeowner lounge remodel in the Rec Center entry building. The new carpeting is currently scheduled to be installed early in 2023. New furniture for the lounge area will be ordered in the next few months.

**NPOA's 2023 Budget:** As discussed at the Annual Meeting, the Board's Budget and Finance Committee started work on the 2023 budget in June 2022. The final budget was approved at our October Board Meeting, and the results were sent out to you some weeks ago (along with our annual reporting and disclosure packages). Over the last year, we have seen an increase in a few key operating costs: insurance (+36%), utilities (+24%) and pool supplies (+68%). Another area that is greatly impacted by inflation are

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**NPOA Board Updates:** As announced at the Annual Meeting, you elected one new NPOA Board member in September: Mark Patel. Mark is a senior partner at McKinsey with a passion for technology that positively impacts the planet. We are very happy to have his knowledge and expertise join our board. You also re-elected Board members Paul Schumacher and Steve Klei for another term.

At the October Board meeting, we elected officers and shuffled some committee assignments. Paul Schumacher was elected to continue as Vice President and Don Schreuder was elected to serve as CFO/ Treasurer. Due to other commitments, Colette Findley has chosen to step off the finance committees, and therefore, we have asked our new board member Mark Patel to serve on those committees with myself and Don Schreuder. Colette Findley will now chair the Member Activities and Communications Committee

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As we have mentioned in previous communications, we will also have significant reserve expenditures from 2023-2025, on the order of \$1.5 million over those 3 years. This past September we replastered the main pool, kiddie pool and twirl spa costing approximately \$238,000. While our reserves have been well funded, we need to continue allocating a minimum of \$250-300,000/year to reserves. In 2022 we contributed \$250,000 and in 2023 we will contribute \$250,000 with the expectation of adding another \$50,000 after our 2022 audit for a total of \$300,000. Finally, we are committed to continuing a modest annual contribution to our capital improvement fund. As we discussed and approved at the September and October 2022 Board Meetings, capital improvement funding for 2022 and 2023 will be allocated to the improvement of the lounge area in the Entry building.

To accommodate these increased operating costs, we will need to increase revenue. The annual NPOA assessment for 2023 will increase from \$1,350/year to \$1,500/year. We will also increase the guest fee at the Recreation Center from \$8 to \$10. Please

note that our guest fees compare very favorably to others in the Truckee area and remain on the low side. These two adjustments will increase overall revenue by \$254,000 and allow us to offset our expected increased operating costs in 2023. Your annual assessment bill has already been mailed out. We ask everyone to pay your bill promptly to minimize the extra effort the NPOA staff spends on follow-up.

**In Closing:** It has been a wonderful experience to serve on the NPOA board this past year. All the NPOA board members spend MANY volunteer hours reviewing budgets, problem solving and managing new initiatives in a collaborative manner. I would like to thank Mike Plishner for all his previous hard work and dedication as board president and for spending time preparing me for the role. Also, I would like to thank the NPOA staff who oversee your NPOA experience. They truly care about making a positive impact on all of you. And finally, I wish all our homeowners a wonderful holiday season - and - let's hope for tons of snow this winter!



Jackie Apple,  
Board President

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As I write this article, the first significant winter storm system is just a few days away. The long-term forecast for November predicts a lot of snow and cold weather which should result in excellent conditions to kick off Northstar California's 50th season!

**Annual Disclosure Mailing**

The 2023 annual disclosure mailing was distributed to homeowners in late October. The annual disclosure mailing included a cover letter addressing the 2022 financial outlook, the 2023 budget summary, and a revised Design Review Guidelines, Fee Schedule, and Violations/Fine Schedule. The mailing included the Annual Budget Report which consists of the Pro Forma Operating Budget Summary, Assessment, and Reserve Funding Summary, and Insurance Summary. The mailing also included the Annual Policy Statement which included an assortment of statements and documents that are distributed each year. If you haven't already, please take a few moments to review this important information.

**2023 Annual Assessment**

The 2023 annual assessment statements were mailed to all members in early November. We are already receiving assessment payments for the 2023 fiscal year. Thank you! Reminder that the total annual assessments for 2023 are \$1,500. As in the past, payments are due January 1, 2023, and considered late February 1, 2023. If you prefer to mail a check, included with the statements was a return envelope to mail the payment to the NPOA lockbox. If you prefer to utilize one of the online payment options, also included with the mailing was the "AAB Reference Guide", which details several convenient online payment options. The AAB online payment options are the same for 2023, including payment options for eCheck (free), ACH (free), debit card (\$5.00), or credit card (3.00%).

**Northstar Winter Shuttle Schedule**

Northstar-California operates the Northstar shuttle service at no direct cost to each member/guest. If you have not previously utilized the shuttle, now is a great time to take advantage of this wonderful service. You can find the 2022-2023 winter season shuttle schedule, including information on the shuttle app within this issue on page 26, on the NPOA Website, and posted throughout the Recreation Center.

**Holiday Rec Center Hours**

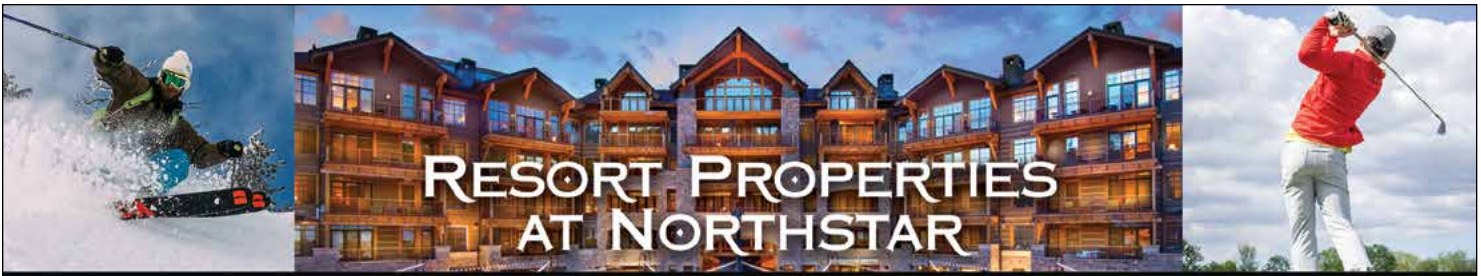
The NPOA Recreation Center is open 7 days a week from 8am - 9pm during the winter season. During the upcoming holidays, there will be some reduced hours of operation. Revised hours include: November 24 open 8am - 4pm; December 24 open 8am - 4pm; December 25th closed all day; December 31 open 8am - 6pm; and January 1 closed all day.

Finally, please be sure to read the President's Perspective article from your new President Jackie Apple regarding changes to the Board composition and Committee assignments and a summary of the changes to the 2023 budget.

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




Tim Fulton,  
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### Plastering Project Update

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lasted throughout the month of September. If you have not been able to see the updated bodies of water at the Rec Center, check out the before and after photos!

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19) which also speaks to the proper storage of firewood. Unless located or stored in an enclosed structure protected from all flying embers, all firewood, and woodpiles within 30 ft of any structure must be fully wrapped/covered with a National Fire Protection Association or NFD approved tarp (California State Fire Marshal Seal)

All firewood stored beyond 30 ft from any structure needs to have a 10 ft zone cleared down to mineral soil (no pine needles or brush); and not be located under a tree canopy.

It is the Northstar Fire Departments recommendation to cover any firewood pile/stack fully with a fire-resistant tarp. Polyethylene tarps (hardware store tarps) are not an acceptable alternative for any wood pile within 30 ft of a structure.

Let us be Fire Wise and keep our community Fire Safe!



Greg Aiken,  
NPOA Design Review & Compliance Manager

### Firewood Storage in Northstar

#### Did you know?

The threat of wildfires has never been greater in the Truckee/Tahoe basin. Insurance carriers are dropping policies and defensible space measures are a frequent topic of household conversation.

NPOA Guidelines and CC&Rs speak to the storage of firewood on your property. Northstar Fire Department has an ordinance (35-

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Congratulations to Sandy Champion for her hole-in-one on September 15 on hole 15!

of \$75.00. Membership in the Northstar Women's Golf Club (NWGC) automatically enrolls you in the Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN), a service offered by the USGA to golf associations worldwide, which tracks scores and ranks handicaps.

The golf course offers NWGC members a discount for play on Tuesday with the first tee time around 9:00 am. We start playing as a group the first Tuesday the course opens, our Championship is usually the third Tuesday and Wednesday in August and we continue to organize tee times until the course closes in mid-October. Many of us get together for play on other days of the week. You do not need to be a professional, we are a relaxed group of players with high and low handicaps. Guests are welcome to join us and meet the group before becoming members. Northstar California Golf Course is considered a bargain over many courses in the area because there is no fee to join, and there are many season pass options. Open to the public, the Northstar California Golf Course offers many club-level services including a bag drop-off and club cleaning following play. Not to mention it is a challenging course, with many of us still trying to get over the ravines on holes 11 and 14. Every time we play, we comment on how lucky we are to have this beautiful course in our backyard. While coyotes, hawks, and even a bald eagle were spotted during play this year, we believe all the road construction on Basque kept the bears away.

If you would like more information or want an application sent to you this February, please send an email to Marian Hansen at [sidebcorp@aol.com](mailto:sidebcorp@aol.com) or Carol Pawlak at [pawlakcarol@gmail.com](mailto:pawlakcarol@gmail.com).

**Happy Holidays to NPOA Membership!**

**Goodbye Fall and Welcome Winter**

The Northstar Women's Golf Club enjoyed a fabulous golf season this year. We send our sincere thanks to the golf staff who were so welcoming to our club every Tuesday, especially on the day of our golf tournament. A special thank you to the groundkeepers for keeping the course in great condition this year. Let's hope we get a consistently cold winter to help the course stay in shape, and prime the ski season with a nice snow base. The skiers in our club look forward to seeing some of our golf staff friends on the ski slopes this winter.

Congratulations to Sandy Champion for her hole-in-one on September 15 on hole 15. As is customary, Sandy bought a drink for everyone in the bar! Thank you Sandy for the champagne celebration!

Applications for the 2023 golf season will be sent out in late February. We don't foresee an increase from our 2022 dues



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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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## Aspen Grove

Fall has arrived. Trees are turning, mornings are crisp and cold and there is a dusting of snow on the mountains.

As usual, Aspen Grove is very busy! The Landscape & Aesthetic Committee continues to seek landscape advice from a local landscape company. We have drawings and plans which include soil preparation, irrigation, and plantings throughout the property. This extensive project is presently under consideration and would take several years to complete if approved by the Board of Directors.

Aspen Grove is thrilled to have finally wrapped up several major construction projects this past summer including all of the repairs to our building foundations and the replacement of old asphalt paths with new paver pathways. It is hard to believe we have been in a continual state of construction over the last 6 years with these projects!

Recent efforts at Aspen Grove include construction debris cleanup, building painting, and performing significant defensible space work to prevent the threat of wildfires with the help of our homeowners at our annual work party held last July. Significant time and resources have been spent related to coming into compliance with our local fire ordinance requiring all firewood on decks to be covered on all sides with an approved fire retardant tarp. Thank you to our wonderful homeowners for taking the necessary actions to allow us to reach full compliance as it relates to this fire ordinance. These necessary steps are critical to obtaining fire insurance for our homeowners and Aspen Grove. It is evident, through the many efforts of our homeowners that there is importance in keeping and maintaining the value of our property.

We are looking forward to winter and are working closely with CAMCO to ready our community for the first snow of the season!

## Indian Hills

As we learn to live with COVID, one of the best things we can do is get outside and exercise at the level that we are able to. Indian Hills, and all of Northstar, is the destination this winter for people to escape their normal routine and enjoy the mountains. With the early snowfall we are hopeful for a snowy winter.

We continue to experience the new challenges of higher occupancy. The most noticeable is the amount of trash we generate. Many owners are staying at Indian Hills for longer and doing improvements to their properties. Many renters are arriving with more in their party, and party they do, creating more noise, more trash and more nuisance to the quiet mountain lifestyle we all came here for. We continue to have homeowners using the condo trash bins when they should be using the community dumpsters by the entrance to Northstar or install a bear box as many homeowners have.

Placer County has instituted stronger Short Term Rental policies with the intent to assist in managing the impact of rentals in residential areas. You will see the round blue stickers in the front windows or on the bear boxes. If there is a problem with a renter, the Short Term Rental Nuisance Line is (530) 448-8003. You can also submit a complaint at [www.hostcompliance.com/tips](http://www.hostcompliance.com/tips).

Indian Hills Owners gathered for our Annual Meeting in person and on Zoom, practicing good physical distancing and good video conferencing etiquette (mute when not speaking, keep

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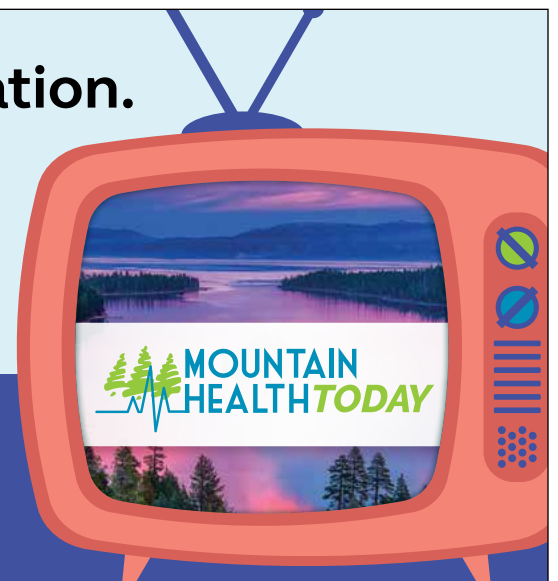
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your camera on, remember people can see you!). We also reinstated our Annual Breakfast gathering- thank you Gail Riggins for hosting!

At our Annual Homeowners Meeting, the membership re-elected Tim Irvin and Bryan Miller to serve two more years on the Board. The Board has moved to maintain the slate of officers that have been serving our Community: Gail Riggins - President, Bryan Miller - Vice President, Steve Anderson-Secretary, Tim Irvin - Treasurer, and Jim Kooler - Member at- large. Our budget has been presented, with an optimistic level of funding for snow removal and a wish for a great ski season. The Board has adopted a budget for 2023 that achieves a balanced budget and contribution to the reserves without raising our dues. Thank you to all who participated in the meeting and the service of the Board.

Our defensible space work has been completed a year early and we will be moving to a maintenance schedule to continue to protect our property. Along with defensible space comes a barren look, so we are exploring ways to add natural hard scape to improve the look of our common areas. When it comes to our common areas, we want to remind owners not to store items such as bikes, kayaks or other items in the common area. If you are interested in enclosing the area under your front entryway, contact CAMCO for information on the process to get approval to do that. Our rear deck project is complete and we installed new railing caps that match the decking.

Kudos to the NPOA staff for maintaining the recreation center so nicely. It is a treat to see so many wonderful activities offered to engage those using the recreation center. The NPOA Board has

voted to keep the game room in the back building and use the front building as the adult center. Along with that they have voted to do upgrades to the front building, costing approximately \$270K. A few years ago the NPOA Board created a Capital Improvement Fund without providing homeowners a plan for what the money would be spent on. They also conducted an extensive homeowner input process three years ago in which more people opposed the idea of creating a lounge area than supported it. Multiple condo association Boards, including Indian Hills encouraged the NPOA Board to not go forward with improvement until they re-engage in the membership input process and create a comprehensive plan for improvements rather than continuing to make improvements below the threshold needing membership buy in.

All this is being done in an environment where the cost of insurance is going way up as are staffing costs. We have been told that the improvements will cost each owner about \$100/ year. As the NPOA Board considers it budgets each year, we encourage them to build a balanced budget to cover rising costs and not add cost to build a capital improvement fund or plan for improvements until they can present a comprehensive plan that the membership supports.

Your voice is important in shaping our community, the Indian Hills Board wants to hear from you on how we can better serve you! As we enjoy winter let's all keep doing our snow dances and conditioning to be in shape for a great ski season!

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## Ski Trails

Hello, Ski Trails homeowners and other friends and neighbors here at Northstar.

As of now, we seem to have made it through fire season without any major incidents, and we can now start hoping for cool weather and precipitation for a different (and more fun) reason: Winter sports season is upon us!

As noted in last quarter's update, we are in the process of signing an agreement with Interstate Parking (IP) to expand their patrols of the Northstar Resort lots to include ours as well. IP's two staff members will be on-site daily from 6am to 2pm throughout ski season. They will patrol our lots, print citations, and collect fines. They will also handle the printing and distribution of parking passes to owners, property managers, and rental agencies. In fact, new windshield stickers for Ski Trails homeowners are being printed right now and will likely be sent out before you read this. Please watch your email inbox and/or regular mailbox for details about other changes to parking passes and policies. Or check in at the Ski Trails website (<http://www.skitrailscondoassociation.com>).

And speaking of the Ski Trails website, the Board is currently assessing the content and layout of the site in order to make it more useful to owners and guests alike. We may even ask for owner content including restaurant recommendations, favorite hikes, and photos. More to come...!

(Way) back on Labor Day weekend, the Ski Trails Condo Association had its annual members meeting. We discussed the financial state of the Association (excellent), parking (see above), the ban on outside grills (charcoal or gas - thank you Placer County!!), new rules around Short Term Rentals (thanks again Placer County) and other topics of interest to our attendees. We also elected a new member to the Board. Welcome Keely Kish!!

Earlier this year, one of our neighboring HOAs (Aspen Grove) had its 3rd annual volunteer day to do some vegetation clearing and other work related to adding to the defensible space around their buildings. It was such a good idea and was so well attended, that we are considering doing something similar. Perhaps a spring

cleanup along the lift lines outside our condos where many amazing (and some less amazing) items can be found after the snow melts. This would not only de-trash our surroundings and strengthen our already awesome Ski Trails community, but you never know where that unscratched scratcher or uncashed MegaMillions lotto ticket might have fluttered down from a be-mittened skier's icy mitts! We may even get to know each other, get some healthy outdoor exercise, and learn more about fire safety and protection. This is just an idea at this point, but we hope to hear from you about whether this would be something you'd want to do.

So that's it for now! Until next quarter, be safe, have fun, and keep hoping for snow!

Thanks to David Haling for compiling this masterpiece of prose!



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### Happy Holidays From Northstar Tennis!

As the NPOA Tennis Pro Shop has closed for the season, we'd like to remind our members the importance of keeping your game sharp throughout the Winter months and provide some easy tips to help you do just that!

#### Tip #1: Continue Exercising

While especially challenging navigating through the Holidays, the easiest and most effective way to keep up your game is by staying physically fit. Keeping your core strong will help you improve your game right away. Working on your upper body (abdominals, back, and shoulders), and lower body (lunges, hip twists) will keep you in shape to play your best.

#### Tip #2: Maintain Active Hand/Eye Coordination

Ping Pong, for example, is a great and fun way to mimic and practice shots similar to volleys seen on both the Tennis and Pickleball courts.

#### Tip #3: Keep Working On Your Footwork

It is very important in tennis to keep your feet light and fast, and you can always

work on improving this aspect of the game during the "off-season."

#### Tip #4: Learn From The Pros

A lot can be learned simply by watching professional matches. For example, watch how closely pros like to play the lines, or how they like to shape points to win. Implementing habits from pro players is a fun way to try to improve your game!

We can't wait to see you all on the courts next summer!



Guillaume Tonelli, Tennis Director

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### Help Us Keep Our Greens Damage Free

The 2022 golf season has come to an end, and we want to thank everyone who enjoyed the links - we're grateful to all of you and look forward to seasons to come with all the homeowners who enjoy the course.

Much of the season was focused on rebuilding following several seasons of challenging course conditions. Marc McMullen, Golf Course Superintendent, and his team on turf have worked tremendously hard to return the course to the quality and experience we are proud of, and that you expect. It remains our goal to be good partners, and to make you equally proud of Northstar community and golf course.

With that in mind, we want to share a few notes about our operations and the work that continues through the winter months. You'll soon see winter signage posted throughout the golf course perimeter. Mitigating traffic on the course during the snowy months helps us reduce damage and helps our team get the course up and running faster when we enter the spring. Foot traffic of any kind on the snow can cause ice to build up on the turf - this is what causes the most damage, specifically to the greens and tees. We plan to surround the greens with rope (and additional signage) as a reminder to please stay off. This also means no sledding, x-country skiing or walking on the grass. As is the case every year, the golf course parking lot will be gated and closed until the course reopens in the spring.

For homeowners who host renters, this may be helpful information to share for your guests or renters when they arrive. Also, as a reminder, we ask that you please not walk or bike on the golf course during the summer months when it is open (mid-May to mid-October).

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as our team strives to improve the course and overall service. With that, we will continue to offer discounted daily homeowners' rates, as well as season pass rates. We do ask for proof of ownership at check-in and prior to purchasing a season pass.

We look forward to another great season in 2023 and we appreciate your help in continuing to improve the golf course!

We are happy to answer any questions you might have. Have a great winter and holidays!

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Coldstream Canyon Wetland- Matthew Rosenfeld planting wetland sedges.



Martis Wildlife Area- Jason Layh restoring riparian areas near Martis Creek.



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## Truckee River Day 2022

We celebrated our 27th Annual Truckee River Day volunteer event on October 16, 2022. It was one of our most successful restoration events ever and we'd like to share some highlights.

For our Truckee River Day volunteers, your personal restoration work helped make our mountain ecosystem more resilient and to buffer the effects of drought, fire, and flood. The Truckee River Watershed Council is so thankful for all that you do! THANK YOU!

We had 350 volunteers that helped across all our sites, including 14 staff and board, 27 Group Leaders and 9 Landowners.

### Our 2022 Truckee River Day Restoration Sites


**Coldstream Wetlands** - in partnership with California State Parks we planted wetland sedges and mulched to enhance these restored wetlands.

**Johnson Canyon** - in partnership with the Truckee Donner Land Trust we planted aspen trees to support diverse habitat in a restored area and popular trailhead.


**Perazzo Meadows** - in partnership with the Truckee Donner Land Trust we built willow structures to spread out water and improve riparian habitat as part of a multi-phase restoration.

**Sardine Meadow** - In partnership with the Trust for Public Land we spread native seed and mulch to support the restoration of 350 acres of meadow and 3 miles of stream.

**Tahoe Donner Tree Planting** - In partnership with the Tahoe Donner Association we planted native trees in a previously burned forest to support habitat diversity and prevent erosion.






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*Prosser Hill Meadow- spreading pine needles and slash as a team.  
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**Boca Meadows** - In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service we spread native seed, mulch, and slash to support a recent restoration of 129 meadow acres.

**Donner Lake Lagoon** - In partnership with California State Parks we spread native seed, compost, and mulch to improve habitat and protect the streambank in a newly restored area.

**Martis Wildlife Area** - In partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Northstar Community Services District we improved trail drainage and instream structures to support the meadow restoration.

**Olympic Valley** - In partnership with Friends of Squaw Creek and Trout Unlimited we built willow fascines along 50 feet of Squaw Creek to help stabilize eroding streambanks.

**Sawtooth Tree Planting** - In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the Sugarpine Foundation we planted a diverse mix of native pine trees to improve forest resiliency

**Prosser Hill** - In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service we spread native seed, and mulched with pine needles and slash to prevent erosion in disturbed areas entering Prosser Meadow and Creek.



*Donner Lake Lagoon - Nancy D'Amico, Debbie and Rich Glovin celebrating Truckee River Day together*

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### Winter Preparation Tips From Liberty

Winter is just around the corner and with the beauty of new fallen snow comes higher energy usage and the increased potential for power outages.

As the days get shorter and the temperatures drop, we find ourselves indoors more, using more lighting, spending more time on electronics, and using more energy to heat our homes. But you can help reduce your winter energy use by following these tips:

- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use.
- Heat tape uses a lot of electricity, unplug it when it isn't needed
- Set the thermostat to 68° when at home and to 55-68° when not at home.
- Open window coverings on the sunny side of your home to take advantage of free heat from the sun. Close the coverings on cloudy days or right after the sun sets.
- Set your water heater to 120°.
- Close foundation vents.

- Replace incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs.
- Caulk windows and weather-strip doors.
- Install a water heater blanket.
- Install hot water pipe insulation.
- Install electrical outlet and switch plate insulation.
- Clean your furnace system and check ducts for leaks.
- Replace furnace filters monthly.
- Replace normal thermostats with programmable or smart thermostats.

Liberty strives to provide you with safe, reliable electric service. However, winter weather can lead to unplanned power disruptions. Heavy snow and ice can impact power lines and equipment, leaving customers temporarily without power. We strongly encourage customers to report outages when they occur, as this will help Liberty crews locate and identify the issue more quickly.

Crews will work to restore power as soon as possible, but here are some outage tips.

**Stay warm** - Plan to use a safe alternate heating source, such as a fireplace or wood-burning stove during an outage. Remember that fuel- and wood-burning sources of heat should be properly maintained, ventilated, and monitored. Do not leave a flame unattended.

**Stay fed and hydrated** - Most outages only last a few hours, but you should store non-perishable food and water. Crackers, peanut butter, and canned goods are great options to have in your house all winter long.

**Stay prepared** - Develop an emergency plan that addresses any energy-related medical needs your household may have. Stock your emergency kit with flashlights, batteries, warm clothing, blankets, and sleeping bags.

**Stay informed** - Liberty will send outage messages and updates when possible. Update your phone numbers and e-mail address at LibertyUtilities.com or (800) 782-2506 so you can receive outage messages. You can also check the outage map page at LibertyUtilities.com or follow us on Twitter (@LibertyUtil\_CA) or Facebook (@LibertyUtilitiesLT) for updates.



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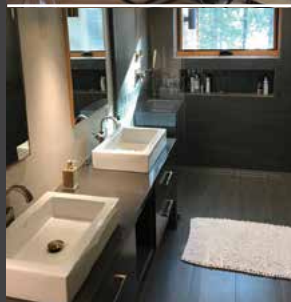
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- Weekends/Peak- Operates Sat/Sun. 7:30am-6:00pm
- New Year's Eve Operates 7:30am-1:00am

November 2022							December 2022						
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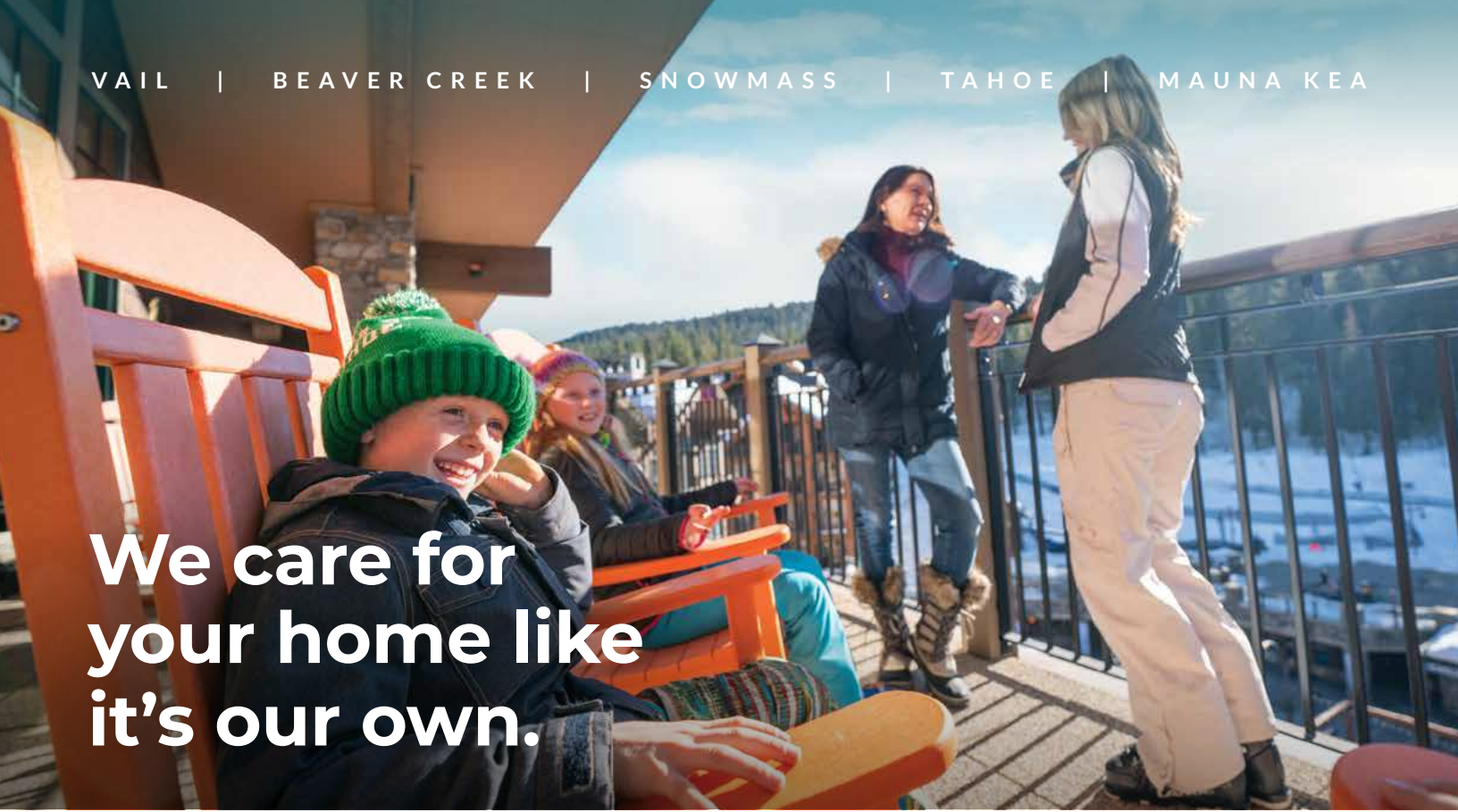
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