

FALL NEWSLETTER
HOMEWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members:

HHOA Business

Thank you all for sending in your ballots. The slate was heartily endorsed and we now have 3 new directors: Christie White, Vince Hoenigman, and Lee Arioto. Allen Sayles was also re-elected for another 2 year term. These 4 directors joined Mary McPherson and Dave Powell on the board. In addition, Herb Pierce gave notice that he was unable to complete his two year term, so the board voted to appoint Ann Bryant to fill out the 1 year remaining on Herb's board term.

The new board met via Zoom on September 9, and their first action was to elect the officers for the coming year. They are:

President:	Dave Powell
Vice President:	Ann Bryant
Secretary:	Christie White
Treasurer:	Allen Sayles

A business item that we normally do at our Annual Membership Meeting is to approve the minutes from the previous Membership Meeting; therefore **I request that you send in to me your approval of the minutes or suggestions to modify/correct them. Thanks!** A draft of the minutes that was reviewed by the board soon after the August 11, 2019 meeting is attached for your review. It has also been posted on www.HomewoodHOA.com for about a year.

Another business item is the Treasurer's report. The most recent report is attached. Although it shows a loss for the year, the "loss" is due to some one-time expenses dealing with improvements being made to the Beach Parcels. **I also request that you send in your approval or suggestions for corrections or modifications. Thanks!**

HHOA News

Friends of the West Shore (FOWS) – Judi Tornese:

The full report is attached. Of particular relevance to Homewood:

- Progress on the SR 89 pedestrian crossings between Tahoma and Tahoe City which was to have started this past spring but has been delayed. It is anticipated to be started this fall.

- The Fanny Bridge/SR 89 Realignment will involve more improvements in 2020 along the shoulders of the new bypass. Construction of a new roundabout at the Wye and Fanny Bridge replacement may begin in 2022 depending on funding.
- West Shore Water Treatment Plant has been delayed. It is planned for north of Tahoma at Lodge St and Hwy 89, and is targeted for construction in 2021.
- Much more detail for these projects and other items concerning the area from Emerald Bay to Truckee are contained in the attached report from FOWS.
- FOWS has a new website: www.friendswestshore.org.

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Homewood Mountain Resort (HMR) – Kevin Mitchell and Art Chapman

Homewood Mountain Resort plans on operating for the 2020/21 winter season but we do expect that things will look a bit different. Our team continues to monitor guidelines and policies put in place by local and state officials and will use those as a basis for our operations this winter. We are still working through operational plans that will allow us to ensure proper social distancing and increased sanitation in our facilities, with the safety of our employees and guests continuing to be our top priority.

One operational change we can share - We are looking at limiting season pass sales and capping daily ticket sales—particularly during peak/holiday periods—to allow for greater social distancing and a high quality experience when guests are in our facilities. We are nearing our final numbers and anticipate selling out in September or October. If still available, you can purchase your season passes at www.skihomewood.com . Once passes are sold out, day tickets for specific days will be available at the same website until those are sold out.

We are excited to share news that the Ellis chairlift is being refurbished and will be operational next winter. The first phase of the project began this summer and is moving along smoothly. Once complete, the revamped fixed-grip triple chair will decrease ride time by approximately 28% (nearly four minutes).

The two-phase project to modernize the 40-year-old chair will result in 90% of the chairlift being replaced upon completion. The process begins with the replacement of new tower assemblies; and to align with our environmental stewardship efforts, lift tower footings and components will be repurposed. Phase two will be completed in summer of 2021 and includes replacement of the drive terminal, haul rope and the addition of new chairs with safety bars.

HMR was hopeful of starting construction of new residential units this past summer, but have been delayed by the coronavirus. We are now aiming to start next spring. This year, we are focusing on repairs to the Ellis Chair and opening when the snow falls.

Bear Report – Ann Bryant

Homewood has been fairly quiet as far as bear break-ins or ‘soft entries’ go. But we do have two young yearlings visibly cruising around, but not really doing much other than being ‘noticed’. One of them was hit by a car and injured two weeks ago so he’s limping and moving slowly.

He'll be ok, with a bit of time. Tahoma, Meeks and Rubicon have been hit hard by a mom and two cubs and an older male. They are breaking doors down and raiding unattended homes without electrical wiring systems. No home anywhere that has a proper BEAR League approved wiring system has ever been breached by bears... as long as the system is powered ON. All second homes should be electrified according to DFW, Sheriff, and BEAR League. Far too many people think it won't happen to them so they wait 'til it does and then it's "the end of the world". They need to Do It Now.

Ann has also supplied us with a more detailed set of tips (attached) on how to deal with the bears.

(Side notes from Dave Powell: After my place was broken into, we electrified the cabin, and have had no break-ins since then. I heartily endorse Ann's strong recommendation. In addition, I heard about a bear pulling the door handles off of a vehicle trying to break in, so best not to leave anything enticing in your vehicle!)

Beach Parcel Report – Vince Hoenigman and Allen Sayles

Work has started on the improvements to the Trout St. Beach Parcel. The area will be cleared out for a more friendly area for a picnic table, plus the path to the beach will be redirected to be on the south side of the drainage ditch. There are also plans being worked on to install racks for a more secure and less intrusive storage of kayaks. **We continue to solicit members who use the Fern St Parcel to volunteer to help design and manage the improvement of that parcel.**

Sincerely,

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