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Winter remains a busy time for the staff at the Caughlin Ranch Homeowners Association ("CHRA" or "Association"). With the irrigation turned off and our seasonal landscaping staff reduced, there remain many projects to which the year round landscaping staff attends. With the Association's Board elections completed, the 2009 Budget adopted, and a second Board Strategic Planning Session completed, General Manager Mike Trudell and our office staff remain busy closing out the 2008 accounting records and preparing for the annual audit of Association financial records. Additional time is focused on mailing the NRS-mandated notices of the 2009 Budget, Board Meeting minute preparation, CC&R enforcement, a tree inventory in Caughlin Cottages, and interviewing and hiring a new assistant manager. In addition, the staff continue to assemble and produce document packets for title companies and prepare for the twice monthly Architectural Control Committee (“ACC”) meetings which routinely have full agendas of homeowner submittals.

In addition, CRHA is also preparing for the upcoming Nevada Legislature’s 75th Regular Session which begins on February 2, 2009. Our Association is the only Northern Nevada homeowner association ("HOA") which regularly attends Legislative sessions and testifies on pending legislation impacting HOAs. For more than 10 years, Manager Mike Trudell and CRHA Board members have routinely monitored every bill which proposes changes impacting Caughlin Ranch and regularly provide testimony and proposed changes to pending legislation. Fortunately, our Association has developed a strong reputation with many legislators who know that CRHA is there to provide sound advice on how these proposed bills will impact every HOA in Nevada. In the past, specific legislation proposed by CRHA has been passed into law benefitting our Association. CRHA has also been there to urge the Legislature to reject or amend bad legislation which will over regulate and restrict CRHA’s ability to serve our community. So far, there are over ten 2009 Bill Draft Requests proposing complex changes to the laws affecting our Association. CRHA has already been monitoring these proposals and will be in attendance when those laws are discussed in Carson City.

As always, if you have any comments, questions, concerns, or complaints, please call the Association offices (775-746-1499). Thank you.

- Bill Magrath
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Caughlin Ranch staff respond to a number of questions each day. The most common question asked by the Association's members is, “What do I get with my annual Association assessments? We don’t have that much common area in our neighborhood, why are the assessments so high?”

The Caughlin Ranch is a Master Planned Community. Unlike a single entity homeowners’ association, the Caughlin Ranch Homeowners Association (CRHA or Association) is comprised of 26 separate neighborhoods and a number of non-residential developments. This type of community is known as a Planned Unit Development (PUD). The Association owns all of the common area throughout the Caughlin Ranch master planned area, with the exception of the common areas owned by Washoe County. Although most homeowners think of their responsibility as being in their immediate neighborhood, all 2,200 Association members are like shareholders who own stock in a Nevada non-profit corporation. Accordingly, each member has a responsibility to pay their proportionate allocation of the Association’s annual financial obligations, based on the owner’s membership classification.

A process begins in August of each year when the Board of Directors look at the projected costs of the operation and maintenance of the Association’s common areas. Although common area maintenance accounts for approximately 60.4% of the Association’s funds spent each year, the Association has many

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more responsibilities than simply maintaining common areas. And even though there are entrances into most Caughlin Ranch neighborhoods, the bulk of the Association’s common area maintenance responsibilities are not directly affiliated to any one neighborhood.

The Caughlin Ranch Development Standards Handbook (DSH) was approved by the City of Reno and Washoe County. When portions of the Caughlin Ranch were annexed into the City of Reno, the City of Reno required that the zoning of the property be changed to a PUD. As part of the Caughlin Ranch development and approval, the Caughlin Ranch Partnership requested to use Residential Construction Tax (RCT) funds for recreational facilities to be constructed in Caughlin Ranch. The City approved the use of the RCT money collected in the areas annexed into the City for a large portion of the construction costs of the Village Green Park, Caughlin Crest Park and Eastridge Park with the provision that the parks be owned and maintained by the Association. As part of the Recreation Management Plan element of the Caughlin Ranch DSH and the Agreement with the City, the City agreed to construct, own and maintain the Crissie Caughlin Park. Washoe County approved the use of RCT funds to construct the common area improvements in the Alum Creek corridor, common areas in Juniper Trails and the bulk of the trails network in Caughlin Ranch. The Alum Creek corridor is a linear park constructed for passive recreational purposes. The Village Green Park, Caughlin Crest Park, Crissie Caughlin Park, Eastridge Park and the Alum Creek corridor serve as your neighborhood parks.

If these agreements had not been struck with the City and the County, the RCT (park funds) could well have been spent anywhere in southwest Reno within a 5 mile radius of the Caughlin Ranch community. These agreements and the master plan ensure that the expenditure of these funds benefit all Caughlin Ranch residents.

Accordingly, a significant amount of the Association’s members’ annual assessments go toward the maintenance of these neighborhood park facilities.

It is important to understand the history of the Caughlin Ranch in order to answer the present question, “What do I get with my annual Association assessments?” The Association assessments are collected and are administered for the entire Caughlin Ranch for a number of services. The services below are identified by type and the relative proportion of the Association’s 2009 budget:

**ADMINISTRATION - 9.4 %**
- Answering phones and walk-ins regarding homeowner questions, concerns and complaints.
- Representing the Association in matters related to the homeowners of Caughlin Ranch.
- Processing receipts and payables of the Association.
- Processing the change of ownership of properties within the Ranch.

**ENFORCEMENT OF THE C.C.&R - 7.2 %**
- Legal fees related to the operation of the Association and representation when legal remedies are required for enforcement of the CC&Rs.
- Association staff regularly inspect the properties in the Ranch for the enforcement of the CC&Rs and notify the homeowners of the violation.

**ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC) - 7.5 %**
- The ACC consists of volunteers to review and approve the improvements and architectural plans proposed in the Ranch. The Association staff serves as the staff of the ACC.
- Association staff inspects the construction sites in the Ranch to ensure conformance with plans approved by the ACC, the ACC Rules and Regulations and Improvement Agreement with the Association.

**FORMAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE - 60.4 %**
- The Association owns and maintains various parcels of common areas in the Ranch. There are presently 120+ acres of active landscape improvements, owned and maintained by the Association.
- The Association employs a full time landscape manager and five (5) laborers. The Association also employs up to seventeen (17) seasonal employees.
Included as part of the active landscape improvements is the 13-acre Village Green Park and Caughlin Crest Park which were paid for with City RCT (Park Tax) funds. As previously stated, the Association is required by the agreement with the City and Washoe County to maintain the Village Green Park, Caughlin Crest Park, Eastridge Park and the Alum Creek corridor.

FIRE PREVENTION – 5 %
As a result of the Hawken Fire, the Association must create a better defensible space in the Association’s native common areas.

NATURAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE – 2 %
The Association owns and maintains hundreds of acres of common areas, which will remain in their natural state. The original master plan stated that the concept of the Ranch would include large areas of natural open space.
The Association provides some weed control and clean-up of these areas.

RESERVE TRANSFERS AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE - 8.5%
Nevada State Law (Chapter 116 of the Nevada Revised Statutes) requires that the Association maintain an adequate reserve for the repair, restoration or replacement of the Association’s major common area components.
The Association owns and maintains nearly 20 lineal

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miles of trails. The trails were constructed as part of the master plan concept for the benefit and use by all Caughlin Ranch homeowners. Some of these trails have been included in the Regional Parks and Trails network.

In conclusion, the Association was created to provide various services to the Caughlin Ranch homeowners. The Association also serves as the vehicle to own and maintain (but not to develop or construct) improved and unimproved common areas located within the Ranch. The Association provides these services without reference to specific subdivisions where the common areas are located, but as the circumstances or improvements require.

Each neighborhood is regularly inspected for conformance with the CC&Rs. The Association is constantly working to maintain the property values of the entire Caughlin Ranch community.

The Association views the Ranch as a single entity, not as multiple subdivisions. The Association understands that as a homeowner you may identify more with your neighborhood. Hopefully, you understand the Association is attempting to provide services to all homeowners who collectively are the Caughlin Ranch Homeowners Association.

Wal-Mart Recycling Challenge
Caughlin Ranch Elementary School PTA will earn $5.00 for every collection bag filled with clean dry plastic shopping, grocery, and dry cleaning bags (Wal-Mart, Target, Scolaris, Macy’s, Dillards, Gap, etc.)

The three schools in each region that bring in the most collection bags by March 31, 2009 will receive ADDITIONAL money!!
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Remove everything from the bags including register receipts, and bring them to the collection bin at the front entrance of Caughlin Ranch Elementary for recycling. The bags must be clean and dry and can be made of any type of plastic material and be any color EXCEPT black. Sorry, no produce bags or bags that have had direct contact with food.

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You’ve undoubtedly heard plenty of news about how the so-called “Wall Street Bailout” law will help our troubled economy. But despite its moniker, there is still a little something in the new laws for us “Main Streeters”, too. A few highlights:

First and foremost, the law provides a temporary “patch” for a looming problem that could cause you to owe thousands in extra taxes under the alternative minimum tax. The exemptions to help middle income taxpayers from getting hit with it were not indexed for inflation. The new law temporarily raises the AMT exemption amounts for 2008.

The new law will also cut the tax bite for many individuals by restoring some expired tax breaks for 2008, and adding a few new wrinkles. These include:

- The option to claim state and local sales taxes in lieu of state and local income taxes.
- The above-the-line deduction (up to $4,000) for qualified tuition and related expenses for higher education has been extended through 2009. Certain restrictions apply.
- The up-to-$250 above-the-line deduction for educators’ expense has been extended.
- The up-to-$100,000 distribution annual exclusion for taxpayers age 70 ½ or older who donate to charities has been extended.
- For those of you who do not itemize you will be able to deduct up to $1,000 for real property taxes paid.
- First-Time Home Buyer Tax Credit – Qualified home buyers will be able to receive up to a $7,500 credit on their 2008 tax return. The catch is that it will have to be repaid over 15 years, interest free. There are key provisions to follow.

Business taxpayers will also benefit from revived tax breaks for 2008, including restorations of the tax credit for research expenditures, extension of the special tax breaks for contributions, increased Section 179 limits and bonus depreciation, and shorter depreciation lives for certain property.

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CRHA Elects New Board Members

The CRHA Board has seven members, each with two-year terms. Elections are held alternating years for four members, then three members. Four positions on the CRHA expired this past November. Ballots were sent out, tallied at Grant Thornton, CPA and on November 13, the Board proudly introduced the two new members; Michael Chern and Gina Pedrini and two returning members; Director Millie Burke (who also serves as Board Secretary) and Director Christopher Simon. We thought you would like to know a little about your new directors.

MIKE CHERN

It was a love of Caughlin Ranch that motivated Mike to run for the CRHA Board of Directors. He and his wife Ande have lived in Caughlin Glen since June 1997. They enjoy the wonderful trails by foot and on mountain bikes and share the immense feeling that they are very fortunate to live in this area that has so much to offer.

Mike has served the Board as Chair of the Landscape Review Committee since September 2007. This committee reviewed landscape maintenance, explored proposed improvements and water conservation alternatives, reviewed procedures and reached out to members for input and suggestions.

“Serving on the landscape committee has been a huge learning experience for me both in relating to the major budget associated with common area upkeep and the enormous scope and complexity of the physical operation. The experience made me really appreciate what a great job the landscape crew and supervisor are doing to keep the Ranch the premier property that it is – all 2,300 acres.”

Mike would like to expand the CRHA website to include landscape crew project information, current activities and updated maps of Caughlin Ranch to specify areas of landscape, crew responsibility and types of landscaping. And he’ll be looking to recruit volunteers to help with special projects. The replanting of Ponderosa and Jeffrey Pines in The Alum Creek area, organized by Board member Jeannie Cassinelli after the devastating Hawkins Fire of July 2007, is an inspiration for what we can accomplish when we work together.

A graduate of Ohio State University, Mike has been in the computer industry since the early 1980s. He created his company Baker Street Computing, Inc. in 1992 to provide stable, structured network environments for business computing.

When he’s not working with computers Mike likes to take time to explore his interest in trains, both real and model. The Nevada Northern Railway in Ely is one of the premier operating rail museums in the country and one of the rare places you can get your hands on a steam or diesel locomotive and take it out onto the mainline. Mike has had a couple of “hands-on” opportunities.

According to Mike, “It’s a powerful experience. From the perspective of the cab, a steam engine seems really huge and the rails very, very narrow.”

GINA PEDRINI

After splitting their time between living in the Bay Area and Incline Village, Gina and her husband Nino moved to Reno in 2000 and built their first home in Promontory Pointe. They enjoyed the area so much that two years later they decided to build a new home in Eaglesnest where they currently reside.

“After living here for almost nine years, I firmly believe that Caughlin Ranch is the most beautiful place to live in all of Reno,” Gina commented. “Its park-like setting with all the ponds and meandering walking trails really set it apart from all other communities. Even more importantly, we have met the nicest people. Some are Reno natives and others have moved here from all over the country. We were welcomed into this community with open arms and we are so grateful to have made some truly wonderful friends.”

Gina decided to run for a position on the Caughlin Ranch Board this Fall after serving on the Board of Directors for Eaglesnest for the past two years. She had never previously volunteered to serve on a board, but there seemed to be a need. She decided to give it a
shot and the rest is history.

“Boy did I learn quickly about how much time is involved in taking on such a task. Even in a small community such as Eaglesnest, with only 73 lots, there was a lot of work to be done. It requires constant, hands-on involvement, but I was happy to take on the opportunity.”

The lessons learned were numerous and at the urging of several friends and neighbors she decided to run for the CRHA Board. As a Director, Gina looks to contribute to the entire community in any way that she can. She also wants to improve communication between the Board of Directors, the Caughlin Ranch staff and homeowners in addition to seeking solutions for keeping costs in check while maintaining the very high standards of our beautiful community.

“We have the best of all worlds here with easy access to everything,” Gina added. She enjoys skiing, usually at Northstar - and in the summer - golfing with her husband Nino or a couple of girlfriends. “No matter what, it’s always enjoyable.”

Gina’s other favorite pastimes are cooking and gardening. In her opinion, “You can never have too much great food, or too many flowers!”

If you have comments or suggestions for Mike, Gina, or any of the Board Directors, please contact the staff office, or come to the next CRHA meeting and introduce yourself in person.
You might know Ralph Thomas from the giant Christmas wreath framing the front door of the Caughlin Ranch home where he lives with his wife Kathy. Or perhaps he has offered you his card, which reads “Former Skier – Softball Player – Still Golfing – Loving Grandfather.” All of this is true – but there is more to Ralph Thomas than that.

Ralph played football on his high school team in Wisconsin. He said it was “by design” when the local newspaper had a tiny article about a semipro football team tryout in a nearby town. His high school coach was there and said he should go to San Francisco, adding that he’d make a few phone calls. Next thing, Ralph was on a train headed for the University of San Francisco (USF) Dons football team tryouts, where he played for the next four years.

Some might say this is just another college football story, but this story is about the USF ‘51 Dons, a team that hosted a big bunch of talent. Today’s teams have as many as 100 players. In 1951, the USF Dons had only 40 players. Unique to this day, nine players from this team went on to play professionally in the National Football League (NFL); five of the nine played in the Pro Bowl; and three of those five have been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Ralph Thomas was one of the nine.

The Dons went undefeated that year, but by the end of the 1951 season, several colleges, including USF, dropped their expensive football programs. Ralph’s coach went to the Chicago Cardinals taking six members of the 1951 team with him. “I was fortunate enough to be one of those six,” Ralph said.

Ralph played for the 1952 Cardinals
and later joined the service in 1953 and 1954. Afterwards, Ralph was invited to tryout by coach Joe Kuharich of the Washington Redskins. Ralph played for the Redskins through 1955 and 1956.

His last year with the Redskins revealed an interesting story. During a flight home, Kuharich sat down beside Ralph and said, “Never told you this Ralph, but in 1948, when you walked into my office, it was the biggest disappointment in my life.”

“Why is that, Coach?” Ralph asked. The connection between Ralph’s high school and USF was a trainer named “Scrap Iron” Young. Young was a trainer when Kuharich played at Notre Dame. He also exaggerated. Kuharich recounted that Young had told him he’d found him this big farm kid in Wisconsin, over six feet tall, over 200 pounds, and a helluva good football player. “When you walked in at 5’ 11” and 175 pounds, I could’a cried – but I had a train ticket invested in you.”

Ralph played college and professional football for seven years and when Kuharich first asked him to play for the Cardinals, Ralph recalls telling him, “Coach, I’d never even consider it. I’m not big enough and my speed is just average,” to which Kuharich replied, “But you’ve got the heart for it.” “I’ve never, ever forgotten that,” Ralph said, “he gave me the opportunity, and with everything that’s happened if I hadn’t read that little article that day I’d probably still be in Wisconsin.”

And a lot has happened. Ralph retired after 38 years in sales and management. The ’51 Dons team has remained in touch and makes a point to meet annually. Lately, the team has received some special recognition honoring not only their remarkable undefeated ranking and the fact that nine players went on to the NFL, but also for the historical stance they took against racism.

Kristine Clark authored a book about the ’51 Dons: Undefeated, Untied, Uninvited. “Uninvited meaning we did not get a chance to go to a 1952 Bowl game because the Orange Bowl people indicated that the invitation would not be extended unless we left our two black players at home. The team said thanks, but no thanks,” Ralph explained. Burl Toler, one of the two black players, was chosen by Pete Rozelle to be the first black NFL official.

“In 2006 the Emerald Bowl heard the story and invited the whole team with their spouses,” Ralph said. “Then in 2008, the Fiesta Bowl did the same thing. They gave us game jerseys with our numbers and the same watch all the West Virginia and Oklahoma players received. They treated us royally – right down to the invitations.”

The Dons got a lot of national publicity when the story was aired dozens of times that year. People

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from all over the country called Ralph saying they were pleased with the stand the team took for their black players.

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom have honored the team for their record and their stand. USF awarded the team honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at its 2006 graduation. “It was the most heartwarming expression by people I have ever experienced,” Ralph said. Author Kristine Clark was so moved by the story of the ’51 Dons that she has encouraged some senators to have the team honored at the White House. “They’ve been busy at the White House, but maybe they will consider it in the future,” Ralph said.

Lisa Baran is a freelance writer and publications editor living in Caughlin Ranch. She enjoys pets, gardening, and the written word.

Roy Gomm Student Becomes Cabbage Kid, Wins $1000 Scholarship

A third-grade student at Roy Gomm Elementary grew the biggest cabbage in the state in a competition among school children in Nevada. Colby John Daliposon won the competition with a 30.5-pound cabbage. More than 1.5 million third graders across the United States got hands-on, enjoyable lessons about plants, patience and perseverance last year as they competed to grow the biggest cabbage in their state.
Thanks to the Bonnie Plants’ Third Grade Cabbage Program, students from participating classrooms across the country received a free Bonnie O.S. Cross, or “oversized,” cabbage plant that they can cultivate, nurture and watch grow bigger than a basketball and often over forty pounds.

At the end of the season, teachers from each class select the student who has grown the “best” cabbage, based on size and appearance. A picture of the cabbage and the student entry is submitted to Bonnie plants by mail or online. That student’s name is then included in a statewide drawing to receive a $1000 scholarship towards education.

Colby received a $1,000 bond for education from Bonnie, presented by the Agricultural Commissioner of the state.

Last year, Bonnie Plants gave 1.5 million students the opportunity to experience the joy of gardening through planting and nurturing their very own cabbage plants.

It’s a terrific program, implemented and serviced by Bonnie, nationwide. Bonnie delivers cabbage plants to all participating 3rd grade classes and educates the children on the benefits of gardening.

“The cabbage program is our way of sharing our love of gardening with children,” said Bonnie Plants General Manager Dennis Thomas. “Because we believe so deeply in the joy and peace gardening can bring to the soul, we want to afford the opportunity to children to experience this same joy and sense of accomplishment, as well as encourage them to continue gardening throughout their lives.”

Green thumbs can pay off big time—providing participating children with pride for a job well done, a humongous cabbage, and for the lucky state winner, the beginning of an educational fund for college.

This month’s distinctive Caughlin Ranch home is a listing by Rebecca Dickson of Dickson Realty. This home is in a spectacular setting in Eaglesnest with stunning views of the city and mountains.

As you step into the foyer of this elegant home, natural light streams through a skylight set into a barrel vaulted ceiling. A wall of windows presents stunning city views. The lighting systems subtly draw attention to the warm cherry bookcases and art spaces.

The gourmet kitchen features top-of-the-line stainless appliances, maple hardwood floors, cherry cabinets with under cabinet lighting, granite counters, breakfast bar, spacious island with prep sink and sunny breakfast nook overlooking the pool.
The master suite on the main level features city views, built-in cherry bookcases, gas fireplace with marble surround and his & her custom closets with lighted mirrors. Luxurious spa retreat features radiant heat in shower walls, jetted tub, natural stone floors, granite counters, his & her sinks, and separate powder area.

This meticulously maintained home, built in 1993, features a stucco exterior with honey ledge stone. Exterior features include a regulation lap pool, hot tub, built-in BBQ and mature landscaping.

This home boasts over 5,600 square feet of living space including four bedrooms and bathrooms, plus a separate den and office. There’s a large family room with exercise area, wet bar and surround sound, and the formal dining room overlooks the pool and city views. There’s plenty of extra room for cars, toys, etc. with a 3-car garage and separate oversized 2-car garage with storage rooms.

If you are interested in viewing this home, call Rebecca Dickson at 284-3044, 742-2120 or rdickson@dicksonrealty.com.

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Wildlife Abounds and in Some Areas... So Does Dumping

It is common knowledge that the Caughlin Ranch is located at the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. However, it is a surprise to many homeowners that although the Caughlin Ranch community is considered an urban development, it is located on the fringe of the public lands of the Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District.

During the year there are many types of wildlife that inhabit the community. Rabbits, ground squirrels, raccoons, valley quail, morning dove, ducks and geese are visible year round. Although you don’t always see them, coyotes prowl at night looking for prey and clean up carcasses that periodically show up. When the weather changes to winter, and snow starts to fall in the foothills, and covers up the natural feed of the animals, deer and other animals work their way down into the community. Most of us love to see the wildlife up close. Unfortunately, one consequence is there have been vehicle accidents with deer over the years, so driving cautiously this time of year is important.

The past couple of years, there have been signs of bears, bobcats and other potential predators. Several years ago, several swans at Three Ponds Estates (a property adjacent to Caughlin Ranch) were killed by bobcats. Although there doesn’t appear to be any specific threat to humans, the sightings of bears leave most of us with an uncomfortable feeling. The best advice regarding bears is that you should never run if you encounter one face to face. It is suggested by experts that you should stop and try to make yourself appear as large as possible. Most wildlife are as terrified of you as

Top 5 Reasons NOT to Illegally Dump

1. The cost of conducting cleanups is far more than the cost of disposing of trash properly. Paying at the transfer station can save thousands of tax payer dollars in coordinating work crew and volunteer cleanups.

2. Illegal dumping is a crime. Unauthorized dumping is a misdemeanor subject to criminal & civil penalties, community service sentences and revocation of business licenses.

3. Lockwood takes some items for free year round. Waste Management will take white metals such as washers and dryers, and one bulky item (like a mattress or sofa) per household for free. They also provide a free dump week at Lockwood Landfill every year.

4. Creates health, recreational and fire hazards. Illegal dumping can contaminate recreational areas making them unusable for outdoor enthusiasts. Yard waste dumped in open space areas creates a combustible environment in our dry region.

5. Taking responsibility for your trash and disposing of it properly is the right thing to do!

Visit Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful’s website at www.ktmb.org for more information.
you are of them. The bears should be hibernating by the time this article is published, but if you encounter one, please call the Nevada Department of Wildlife @ 688-1500 (8am-5pm) or 688-1331 (after 5pm) or Washoe County Vector Control @ 785-4599.

Illegal Dumping
► To report a dumpsite 329-DUMP (3867)
► If you see illegal dumping in progress 334-COPS (2677)
► To help or volunteer, call Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful 851-5185

One unfortunate result of being adjacent to public lands is that some people see these open, uninhabited spaces as dumping grounds. It is illegal to dump debris anywhere except in an authorized refuse facility. The areas above Caughlin Ranch are accessed by the Hunter Lake Access Road, a public easement. However, some people use this trail to illegally dump trash, debris and abandon vehicles. Recently, the Illegal Dumping Task Force was created to help deal with the problem of illegal dumping. If you see illegal dumping, call 329-DUMP to report a dump site. If you see illegal dumping in progress, call 334-COPS.

There are also other resources available to residents. Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful can be reached @ 851-5185. There are other active groups of interested citizens, like the Hills Angels (a 4-wheel drive organization) who oftentimes assist in the cleanup and removal of abandoned vehicles. Sonya Hem of the Nevada Land Conservancy recently spoke at the annual members’ meeting regarding the update of the Hawken Fire and the Illegal Dumping Task Force. Hem can be reached at @ 851-5180.

When hiking, backpacking and mountain biking on the trails in the public lands above Caughlin Ranch, please consider that your presence and that of others has an impact on the environment. Hikers, backpackers and mountain bikers are encouraged to stay on the trail to help protect the natural environment. In the backcountry, you should always carry your trash out. Do not bury trash – animals will dig it up. Items such as cans, bottles and metal should be packed out. We all need to do our part to be good stewards of the beauty of our public lands. ☺

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124 Sales in Caughlin Ranch & Juniper Hills
Moxie’s Restaurant and Bar, located in the Scolari’s Shopping Center in Caughlin Ranch for the last nine years, is a favorite haunt for many area residents. If you haven’t been there lately, it’s time to go back. If you’ve never been, you’re missing a treat!

Owners Gary and Kathy Stolo offer patrons a wide variety of fare on the menu. As Kathy says, “from bar food to health food, and everything in between, including New York steak and grilled salmon.” There’s a large wine list for which everything is available by the glass. They feature a full bar with video poker.

Come in for daily specials including homemade soups while enjoying the warm atmosphere and taking in the spectacular views of downtown Reno. Whether it’s lunch, dinner, weekend brunch or just cocktails and appetizers that brings you in, you’re bound to enjoy the experience, and maybe even run into a neighbor or two.

But if you can’t get here right away, the Stolos have shared a few of their favorite recipes with us …

### Chicken Piccata (Serves 2)

- 2 8-oz boneless skinless chicken breasts (scaloppini each breast into 3 pieces)
- 2 eggs (beaten)
- 1 cup flour
- 2 Tbls olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic (chopped)
- ¼ cup salted butter
- 2 Tbls capers
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 1 lemon
- ¼ cup heavy cream

1. Heat oil in a non-stick sauté pan and add 1 clove chopped garlic and simmer.
2. Dip each piece of chicken into egg and then dredge in flour.
3. Immediately add chicken to hot oil and sauté on each side until golden brown and chicken is cooked through.
4. Remove chicken when done and keep warm in oven.
5. In another sauté pan, add butter and melt. (Do not overheat pan or butter will burn).
6. Add remaining garlic and sauté for 1 minute.
7. Add capers and white wine and simmer for another minute.
8. Squeeze and add the juice from the lemon and then add the heavy cream. Simmer for 1 more minute.
9. Remove chicken from oven and place portions on plate. Spoon sauce over chicken pieces.

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Steamers (Serves 1)

- 1 lb fresh clams (12 – 20 clams depending on size)
- 2 Tbls dry parsley
- 2 cloves garlic (chopped)
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 2 Tbls lemon juice
- 8 oz. clam juice
- 1 Tbls olive oil

1. Heat oil in sauté pan and then add garlic and sauté.
2. Add all remaining ingredients, except clams.
3. Bring to a boil.
4. Once at a boil add clams and cover, bringing once again to a boil.
5. Remove from heat when most clams have opened.
6. Discard any broken or unopened clams and serve with garlic bread.

Chocolate Crème Brulée Martini

- 1½ oz. vanilla vodka
- 1 oz. Frangelico
- ½ oz. butterscotch schnapps
- 1 oz. half & half

1. Combine ice and above ingredients in a martini shaker.
2. Shake until chilled and strain into a chocolate lined martini glass.

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