



# Spring 2022 Newsletter

April 2022

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's been a year since the last newsletter and a lot has happened since then. There are even more topics we didn't have room for here. We'll try to include those in the next newsletter and will try to start doing these a few times a year.

Please let me know if you have any questions around these topics. I'm always happy to discuss. And, if you take care of some of the lighting suggestions here, we can go on a nighttime boat ride this summer to look at the stars and show you what a difference you've made!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Memorial Day painting party and Social Event on May 28, and at the Annual Meeting and Social Event July 2, and at the beach and the piers this summer!

-Jake Parker

## DON'T FENCE ME IN



The big storms in October and December did significant damage to the fence south of the gate. These sections are a total loss. The picture to the left is the fence after the October storm. It got worse after the big December storm.

We have a project scheduled this spring to replace the entire fence south of the gate. This project will include metal fence posts filled halfway with concrete and 4"x4" stringers between the poles to help strengthen the fence against future storms. The pickets will continue to be the grape stakes used in the current fence as they are consistent and acceptable to groups like TRPA.

The project will begin soon as the ground thaws. There is some signage posted to keep away from the damaged areas. Until we get the fence demolished and repaired, please stay well away from it for your safety.

## A PLACE FOR MY STUFF

The topic of personal storage at the common spaces comes up regularly and is important to keep these spaces free of clutter and usable for all of us.

It comes down to this... please don't consider the shed or beach areas to be long-term storage for your personal items, whether kayaks, paddleboards, chairs, floats, etc. There simply is not the space to do

this, even with the new paddleboard rack we bought last year. We need to share the space with nearly 100 homeowners as well as McKinney Shores association items we need to store. Additionally, it is an unpleasant eyesore for everyone to have more of this than necessary. The unfortunate but realistic exception to this are the heavy dinghies that are not practical to move. At some point, we may explore options to reduce the number of these on the beach (community dinghies? kids to tender people to their boats?).

It may be more inconvenient to take things back and forth to your home, but if you are not going to use them for a week or so, we need you to do that to make space for others.

As a rule of thumb, please take personal items, including kayaks and paddleboards, home with you unless you confidently plan to use them in the next few days, or by “next weekend” at the longest.

## MORE...

It's also a good reminder here too not to set up spaces for your group early, leave them unattended, and plan to come back to use it later. This usually comes up on busy holiday weekends. It's inconsiderate and a waste of valuable space while it's unattended. You could come back to find it's been moved! 😬

## LET'S PARTY!

The Memorial Day party is scheduled for **Saturday, May 28 at 5PM**. As in prior years, this will be a potluck. Please bring an appetizer to share with the party and drinks for your own group. A good way to plan for the amount of food to share is how much would it take to feed your group appetizers if there wasn't any other food from others?

## BODY PAINTING

It is time to paint the shed! Rather than hire a painting company, let's save some money and do this ourselves with our incredible pride of ownership!



The painting party will start at **9AM on Saturday, May 28** with the hope that we'll have a good crew up there for Memorial Day. Many hands make light work. The Association will provide the paint, brushes, and prepping materials. Bring anything you may think would be helpful, but otherwise, just show up in an old pair of clothes. Or nude, we don't care.

## LET'S GRAB A PIER TOGETHER (REDOUX)

This topic was part of last Spring's newsletter, but the issue remains with a low lake and limited snowpack (lake water level link provided in the “Important and Interesting Links”) and so this is a worthwhile reminder.

In high-water years, it is usually possible to park two boats on each side of the Pier A. In low-water years, the water gets shallow quickly and it's hard or impossible to put more than one on each side. Therefore, if we're all going to enjoy the piers and boating, we're going to have to be considerate and work together.

We have always asked boaters to consider the piers as a “loading zone.” That means:

1. Only park at the piers to load and unload passengers and gear

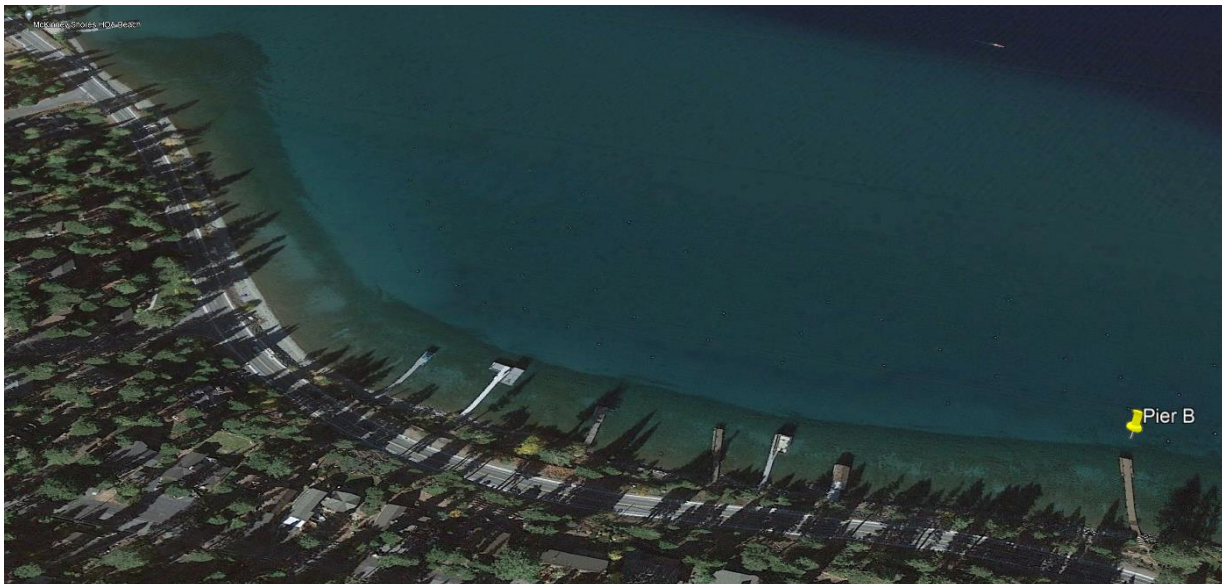
2. Stay with your boat while it's parked at a pier
3. Be observant and considerate and try to move out of the way when you are done or see another boat waiting to load or unload

If we all work together, we can all enjoy ourselves and avoid frustration and resentment.

Please note the increased distance between the upper and lower sections of Pier A, and be careful, particularly with chairs and children too close to the edge.

## PIER B GATE CODE

Pier B is the seventh pier past the far south end of our long narrow beach along Highway 89.



Please note there is no parking area near Pier B. Pier B is also secured with a gate with a code on it. The code to the gate can be found on the far bottom left of the "Contacts" page of our McKinney Shores webpage, here: [https://mckinneyshores.org/?page\\_id=6](https://mckinneyshores.org/?page_id=6). You may also notice that it is the last four digits of the Homewood zip code (deleting the leading "9").



Also, yes, if you know how, you can disable the locking mechanism for the gate. You're very smart. But, don't do this. It will allow uninvited people onto the gate.

## PRIVATE HOMEWOOD

You have all likely seen the recent article regarding Homewood Mountain Resort going private (<https://www.moonshineink.com/tahoe-news/homewood-switches-gears/>). Jake Parker has reached out to Jan Smidek at JMA Ventures to ask that MSPOA be considered for one of the "major" West Shore homeowners associations to be considered for pass access to the resort. Any individual can contact JMA (<https://jmaventuresllc.com/>) or Discovery Land Company (<https://discoverylandco.com/>) to express their opinions about the project and ask that MSPOA be included, and is welcome to.

## YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE

Many of us live in, or visit, Lake Tahoe to escape the lighting, noise, and other irritations of the city. Exterior lighting and nighttime light pollution affect our Tahoe experience. The wrong lighting types, or lighting aimed in the wrong direction or left on late at night are a problem in our community.

At your next opportunity:

- Consider replacing your existing outdoor lights with lighting that reduces light pollution. IDA has approved Dark Sky Friendly lighting (<https://www.darksky.org/our-work/lighting/lighting-for-industry/fsa/fsa-products/>). This lighting reduces the light that escapes upward and outward. You can also just search for “dark sky lighting” for some beautiful choices.
- Review all your outdoor lights for where they are aiming. Ideally, do this at night so you can see how your lighting may be aimed at your neighbors’ homes and windows. Please adjust your lights so they do not shine onto other homes and into neighboring windows.
- Turn your exterior lights off as soon as they are no longer being used.
- Consider a timer or motion detector for exterior lights in sit where they are easily forgotten.



## IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING LINKS

- MSPOA Site: <http://mckinneyshores.org/>
- Sierra Mountain Management: <https://signin.sierramtnmgt.com/>
- Past Newsletters: [https://mckinneyshores.org/?page\\_id=95](https://mckinneyshores.org/?page_id=95)
- Beach and BBQ Reservations: Kathleen Gonzales ([gonzalez4gb@gmail.com](mailto:gonzalez4gb@gmail.com))
- Buoy Field Inquiries: Greg Harris ([gharris@bostonprivate.com](mailto:gharris@bostonprivate.com))
- McKinney Shores POA Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1148030701980047>
- North Tahoe Fire Protection District for fire restrictions: <https://www.ntfire.net/>
- Lake Tahoe Water Level: [https://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?site\\_no=10337000](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?site_no=10337000) (6,229.1' is max level; 6,223' is when water stops flowing into Truckee River)
- Lake Tahoe Wind and Wave Forecasts: <https://www.weather.gov/rev/lakes>

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Friday, February 4, 1pm Board Meeting (completed)
- Friday, April 1, 1pm Board Meeting (completed)
- Saturday, May 28, 9am Shed Painting Party
- Saturday, May 28, 5pm Memorial Day Party
- Saturday, July 2, 9am Annual Membership Meeting
- Saturday, July 2, 5pm Independence Day Party
- Friday, July 22, 1pm Board Meeting
- Saturday, September 3, 5pm Labor Day Party
- Friday, October 7, 1pm Board Meeting