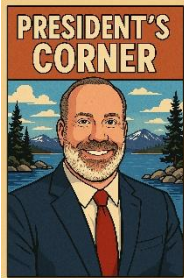




Spring 2026 Newsletter

May 2026

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Spring at McKinney Shores is that wonderful moment when the neighborhood starts to wake back up. Boats begin appearing on buoys, paddleboards start migrating toward the racks, the BBQs feel the burn, and everyone is reminded why we love this place so much.

This newsletter is really about getting ready for the best part of the year. We have parties to look forward to, a winter recap that proves we are apparently now the kind of neighborhood that builds snow bars and jumps into Lake Tahoe on New Year's Day, and a great Neighbor Spotlight featuring the DiSanto family.

We also have a few summer-season reminders. None of them are meant to take the fun out of being at the lake — quite the opposite. The beach, pier, buoy field, swim area, BBQs, racks, and common areas are what make McKinney Shores so special. A little shared courtesy keeps all of it working better for everyone and helps us avoid the kind of problems that turn a beautiful Tahoe day into a group text.

Mostly, I'm looking forward to the little things: the first evening when the lake goes glassy, kids jumping off the lily pads, neighbors drifting down to the beach with a drink in hand, and those quiet sunset moments when you look around and remember how lucky we are to be here. Tahoe has a way of bringing out the best in people — sometimes in the big fireworks ways, and sometimes in ways only one person notices.

So come to the parties, meet your neighbors, use the beach, enjoy the lake, fire up the grill, jump in the water, and take in every bit of summer we get. Just maybe also take your paddleboard home when you're done.

See you at the lake.

— Jake Parker

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LET'S PARTY!

Here are the remaining 2026 MSPOA parties. Come out and meet your neighbors and make new friends! Members may bring guests to all events. We can't wait to see you there!

<p>Annual Memorial Day Party</p> 	<p>Saturday, May 23 5pm</p>	<p>Please bring drinks for your group and appetizers to share with others. No dinner will be served, so please feel free to bring dinner for your group if you wish.</p>
<p>Annual Independence Day Party</p> 	<p>Friday, July 3 5pm</p>	<p>MSPOA will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, condiments, and paper products (including plates, napkins and utensils). Please bring drinks for your own group, and a dish to share with others. We will need appetizers, side dishes, desserts and serving utensils.</p>
<p>Annual Labor Day Party</p> 	<p>Saturday, September 5 5pm</p>	<p>Dinner (hotdogs and hamburgers) will be served. Please bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert to share, and please bring your own beverages.</p>

COLD WATER, WARM NEIGHBORS

The Inaugural **Snow Bar Social** on December 27th and the 3rd Annual **Polar Bear Plunge** on January 1st were incredible successes. If you weren't there, we missed you (a lot) and look forward to seeing you next year!

The weather cooperated perfectly for the Snow Bar Social. Snow the day before and a bluebird day the day of provided the perfect setting for the evening.





We're definitely doing this next year. It was a blast. Stay tuned for more details in the 2027 calendar!

The Polar Bear Plunge was a great event too. We're still trying to bump up participation, but it's unforgettable for those who do it! January 1 at 1:11pm every year! Hope to see you ring in 2027 with some shivers!



NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Let's get to know one of our McKinney Shores neighbors. This time, we're spotlighting the **DiSanto Family!**

How long has your family been part of McKinney Shores, and what first brought you here?

Our family has had the house for more than 60 years. My dad watched it grow from the ground up. He has always loved Tahoe, going back to the 1930s when my grandparents would rent a place at Lake Forest for vacations.

What do you love most about spending time at McKinney Shores?

Tahoe has always held such wonderful memories for our family. The friendships that have been made — and that continue today — are incredible. Even the youngest generations love being here whenever we are all together.

The MSPOA beach is the best place in Tahoe. Boating, swimming, skiing, tubing, sitting on the pier, and playing in the sand are all favorite things to do. Enjoying time with the friends we have made here is a huge part of what makes it so special.

What is your favorite Tahoe restaurant, bar, or hangout?

We enjoy Sunnyside and, of course, Chambers. Both are close to home, and we love the views of Tahoe.

Any fun family traditions or Tahoe rituals?

At night, we play card games and board games together, no matter the age. We all enjoy it. We rarely get the chance to do that at home when everyone is working or going to school.

Anything else you'd like neighbors to know, or any words of advice for new neighbors?

Enjoy the beauty and serenity of Tahoe. It is a tension relaxer and heaven.

BUOY, OH BUOY!



As we get boats back on the water, it's a good time for a few buoy-field reminders. Thank you to Greg Harris for managing what is essentially a very complicated floating puzzle. The goal here is simple: keep boats safely spaced, protect our shared buoy field, and make sure we can all keep enjoying it for years to come.

Size Matters – For Boats and Lines

Mooring line length and boat length are very important in our buoy field because they help keep boats a safe distance from each other. Our buoy field was designed in the early 1960s when the average runabout length was 18-20 feet.

Mooring lines should be no more than about two-thirds the length of the boat. The typical mooring line used in our buoy field is 18 feet. The total combined length of your mooring line and boat shouldn't exceed 43 feet. For those of you doing the math, that's a 25-foot boat with an 18-foot mooring line. The outside buoy row can accommodate larger boats, but none are available.

Our buoys also have 10 feet of excess chain at the bottom of the lake, so we need to be extra vigilant during strong east winds. Occasionally, we will reposition buoys to avoid problems. If you have concerns, please contact Greg at his email listed below.

Who Can Use Your Buoy

As stated in the Buoy Agreement you sign, no homeowner may receive compensation for their buoy because of State Lands rules. Violation of the State Lands rules could result in the loss of our buoy field, so it's quite serious. This means no paying renters may use our buoys. At all. Non-paying houseguests using your buoy must have provided insurance information to MSPOA before using it. We all need to pay close attention to this, and MSPOA will remove boats that are not on file with Sierra Mountain Management.



Lines Out by October 15

As also stated in the Buoy Agreement you sign, mooring lines must be removed by October 15 to avoid a \$75 removal fee. If your boat is on your buoy later than October 15, that's fine, but remove the line when you remove the boat. There is no "start date" for boats and mooring lines.

If Your Number is Missing

The number markers on some of our buoys are starting to wear or fall off. We have the ability to stamp new markers. Please let Greg (contact information below) or Jake know if you need a new marker.

PIER PRESSURE

For boats, the pier works best as a loading zone, not lakefront parking. With the lake as high as it is this year, we can usually fit two boats on each side, though the north side takes extra care because of our swim area on that side. In years with lower lake levels, it's very hard to get more than one boat on each side. Boats actively loading or unloading have first priority. Boats waiting to load or unload should be given space as soon as possible. Stay with your boat at all times and be ready to move it. If you are not actively loading or unloading, please immediately make room for a boat that intends to.



We will put out the swim area markers and lily pads again this year. Please be very careful, vigilant, and aware when swimming or boating anywhere. But, boat operators should use extreme caution around the swim area and check it is safe and clear.

Dogs are not allowed on the pier, beach, or lawn areas except for immediate loading or offloading from a boat.

A PLACE FOR MY STUFF

The beach, racks, pier, and common areas are shared by nearly 100 households, which means there simply is not enough space for everyone to store everything they might use someday, maybe, if the weather is nice and the kids could possibly find themselves in the mood.

As we head into summer, please remember that the kayak and paddleboard racks are intended for active, short-term use — not full-season storage. If you are here and using your kayak, paddleboard, or other beach gear regularly, feel free to use the racks while you are here. But if you are heading home, or if you are not realistically going to use those items in the next few days or by the next weekend at the latest, please take them back to your house.

The same general rule applies to chairs, floats, umbrellas, toys, and other personal items. Please do not leave personal property on the beach, lawn, pier, racks, or in or around the shed as long-term storage. It clutters the common areas, limits space for neighbors, and makes our beautiful beach feel a little less beautiful.

Also, anything left in the common areas is stored entirely at your own risk. MSPOA is not responsible for loss, theft, damage, weather, wind, waves, bears with poor boundaries, or mysterious Tahoe disappearances. If it matters to you, please take it home.

Dinghies may be kept in the designated area north of the asphalt path and south of the pier. Please keep them pulled up and arranged as neatly as possible so they do not block access, create a tripping hazard, or spread into the beach, lawn, path, or pier areas.

The short version: bring it down, enjoy it, share the space, and then take it home when you're done. The beach is better when it looks like a beach, not a community storage unit.

NOW WE'RE COOKING

The BBQ area is one of the best parts of a summer evening at McKinney Shores. A few small habits keep it clean, easy to share, and very boring to bears.

A few reminders before you fire things up:

- Please bring your own propane. The grills are available for member use, but propane is not provided by MSPOA.
- Grill brushes and basic cooking/cleaning supplies are stored in the plastic box in the shed. Please return them when you're done so the next grill master can find them.
- When finished, please clean the grill and drip pans. Bringing foil to line the drip trays and disposing of the foil afterward is the pro move. Leftover grease, food scraps, and drippings are exactly the kind of "free buffet" that gets bears interested in our beach area, and nobody wants to explain to a bear to keep it moving.
- Once the grill has cooled, please cover it back up.

The BBQ area may be reserved by contacting Kathleen Gonzalez (contact information below). When it is not reserved, it is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be neighborly, share the space, and leave it ready for the next group.

LAKE TAHOE TRIVIA: FOR SOUNDING SMART ON THE PIER

- Lake Tahoe is the second-deepest lake in the United States. At 1,645 feet deep, Tahoe is deeper than the Empire State Building is tall — and trails only Crater Lake in Oregon among U.S. lakes. Tahoe's average depth is about 1,000 feet.
- Nearly 85% of the Tahoe Basin land area is managed by public agencies. The EPA notes that the U.S. Forest Service and state agencies manage almost 85% of the land area in the basin.
- Tahoe's only outlet is the Truckee River. Water leaves Lake Tahoe through the Truckee River, eventually flowing toward Pyramid Lake — not to the Pacific Ocean.
- Kokanee salmon are not native to Tahoe. The popular Taylor Creek kokanee run comes from salmon that were introduced in the 1940s after a North Shore fish hatchery flooded into the lake.



IMPORTANT LINKS

- **MSPOA Site** (including contact info, calendar, and buoy maps): <http://mckinneyshores.org/>
- **Sierra Mountain Management:** <https://signin.sierramtnmgt.com/>
- **Past Newsletters:** https://mckinneyshores.org/?page_id=95
- **Beach and BBQ Reservations:** Kathleen Gonzalez (gonzalez4gb@gmail.com)
- **Buoy Field Inquiries:** Greg Harris (gharris@bostonprivate.com)
- **McKinney Shores POA Private Facebook Group:** (must answer two questions on Facebook to join the 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/monitoring-location/USGS-10337000/> (Note: Lake elevation is calculated as 6,220.0' plus the current gage height shown. Maximum legal lake level is 6,229.1'; water stops flowing into the Truckee River at 6,223.0')
- **Lake Tahoe Wind and Wave Forecasts:** <https://www.weather.gov/rev/lakes>



LOOKING AHEAD

- **Memorial Day Party:** Saturday, May 23, 5pm
- **Independence Day Party:** Friday, July 3, 5pm
- **Annual Membership Meeting:** Saturday, July 4, 9am
- **Board Meeting:** Friday, July 17, 1pm
- **Labor Day Party:** Saturday, September 5, 5pm
- **Board Meeting:** Friday, October 16, 1pm