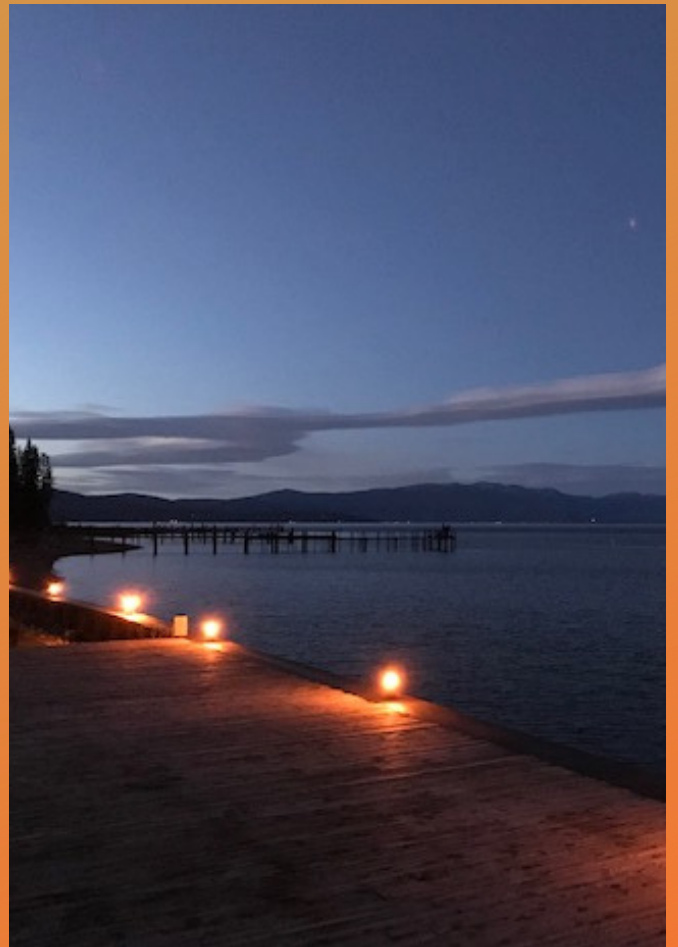


Fleur du Lac Estates



Fall 2022



Roofing Units #21 and #22

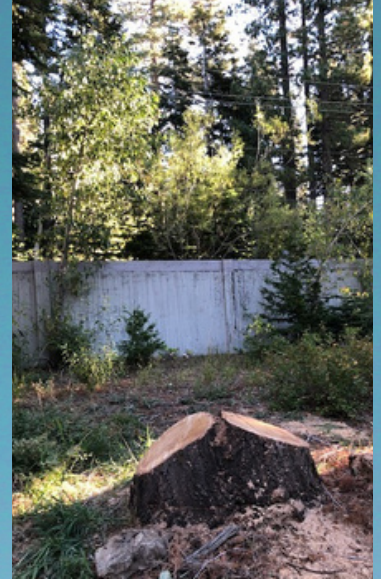
Joe Quinn was the roofing contractor selected to do the final roofing job at Units #21 and #22 this summer.

While there were some delays in supply and deliveries, Joe's crew was neat, professional and hard-working. The Da Vinci "Select" Multiwidth tiles look excellent, and I know the Prices and Wests were happy to finally have their new roof. This was one of the suggested things FDL did to mitigate fire danger as Units #21 and #22 were the last roofs that still had wooden shakes.



Spotlight on ...

Trees of Fleur du Lac Estates



**There are trees on the Fleur du Lac property
that we want to keep ...
and there are trees that we DON'T want to keep.**

First, the unwanted ones. In the summer of 2021, a Liberty Energy representative came to Fleur du Lac and walked the property with Lane. The two of them identified numerous enormous trees that had become diseased and needed to be taken down as their radius were within falling distance of electrical lines. We were able to convince Liberty to pay for both the removal and the off-haul of the diseased trees in both 2021 and 2022. This saved FDL significant expense and made FDL safer, in keeping with our current fire mitigation efforts. There are still a few large trees that will require removal on our dime as they are not potential electrical hazards, but the cost of removing the bulk of the dead trees was shouldered by Liberty!



Bess's Tree

Now for the trees that we want to keep. While Fleur du Lac has beautiful large trees all over the property, I want to focus on Bess's Tree. This singular majestic cottonwood is out on the lake just north of the Main Jetty. It has been there since Henry Kaiser lived here, and history tells that this tree was named after Henry's wife Bess.

By the time Henry and Bess had built Fleur du Lac in 1935, both were in their 50's. Never particularly athletic, Bess rarely participated in the boating and other water sports that Henry favored. Instead, Bess enjoyed the sublime inspiration of the Lake Tahoe landscape, and particularly the grounds she designed at Fleur du Lac. She adopted the native cottonwood tree near the activity of the beach and the swimming pools near Harbor House and had a circular bench constructed under its shade branches where she could participate vicariously in the summer activities of Henry and their guests.

Bess's Tree is a mature 3-stemmed Black Cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*), approximately 50 feet tall. Bess has seen some heavy damage caused by winter storms, which causes root and stem fungus as disease enters through these wounds. While Bess's Tree has been exposed to the most extreme winds, rain, snow, temperature and humidity swings and wave action from the lake (one of the harshest growing environments in the Basin), she has come out year after year alive and well for over 85 years. Our certified arborist Tyler has used systemic fungicide and fertilizers to strengthen the tree and cabling systems to reduce the limb falling risk, thus allowing us to retain the nice symmetrical shape and crown.

This was all done to preserve one particular majestic tree which is one of the few remaining icons at Fleur du Lac and a sentimental vestige of a bygone era.



Bess's Tree
Bess Fosburgh Kaiser (1886 - 1951)
Bess was the designer of the grounds at Fleur du Lac.
This tree was her favorite, and she spent hours
admiring Lake Tahoe from beneath its branches.
Dedicated July 4, 2021

A collection of white snowflake icons of various sizes and designs scattered across the top and sides of the red background.

Ski Resorts Open

- **Alpine Meadows**
- **Boreal**
- **Diamond Peak Ski Resort**
- **Donner Ski Ranch**
- **Granlibakken**
- **Mt. Rose Ski Resort:**
- **Northstar California:**
- **Palisades Tahoe:**
- **Soda Springs:**
- **Sugar Bowl:**
- **Tahoe Donner Ski Resort**
- **Ski Homewood (opens Friday 12/16)**

Visit the Sierra Ski Museum for more information on North Lake Tahoe's extensive ski history.

<https://sierraskimuseum.com/>

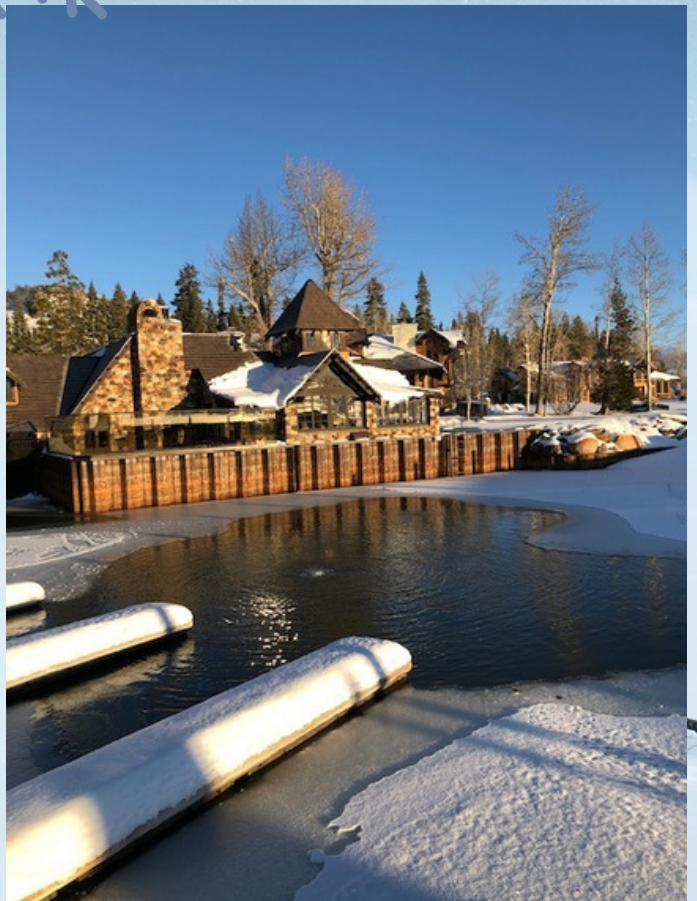




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Tahoe Fun Facts

1. Lake Tahoe is Over 2 Million Years Old

It's older than most other lakes in the world. Back when, a fault line on the continental and oceanic plates dropped like a freefall ride, creating the Lake Tahoe Basin and the surrounding Sierra Nevada and Carson Mountain ranges. More tectonic destruction took place when the glaciers scoured out the Basin; then a volcano erupted, creating a natural dam for what is now the lake.

2. The Washoe Native Americans Were Here First

It's appropriate that the lake's name acknowledges the Washoe. For thousands of years, Washoe Indians used the lake as their sacred summering grounds. White settlement began in the 1850's and the discovery of gold in 1859 sped it up. The Washoe were ultimately pushed off their remaining land by 1862. There is, however, still an active Washoe tribe in California and Nevada.

3. Lake Tahoe is Deeper than the Empire State Building is Tall

Because of that 2 million year old routing, a very deep lake was created in the Basin. Lake Tahoe is 1,645 feet deep (compared to a height of 1,454 feet for the Empire State Building). The depth means that, despite the chill, the lake never completely freezes.

4. The Lake Had Many Other Names Before the Official "Tahoe" name

Tahoe has had a crazy number of nicknames. For starters, Captain Fremont's westward expedition first spotted the lake in 1844, calling it *Bonpland*. However, Fremont's cartographer called it *Mountain Lake*. More confusion was sown when another map labeled it as *Maheon* and yet another called it *Big Truckee Lake*. By 1853, some were calling it *Bigler*, after an unpopular California Governor. There was an unsuccessful effort to re-label it *Tua Tulia*. Finally, in 1862, Henry DeGroot suggested *Ta-hoe*. It's an anglicization of the Washoe term *da ow a ga*, which means Big Water or Water in a High Place. Lake Tahoe is, of course, both of those things, but the Bigler label hung on until 1945 when it was officially changed to its current name.

5. Lake Tahoe Has an Outlet, But Most of the Water Evaporates

The Truckee River is Lake Tahoe's only outlet, flowing northeast to Pyramid Lake. But the Truckee river only drains about 1/3 of Tahoe's water, and the rest comes from surface evaporation. That evaporation accounts for 330 million gallons of water per day, which is enough to supply 3,900,000 households.



Local Eateries

Tahoe House Bakery
Gourmet on the go
Tahoe City 530-583-1377

Wolfdale's Cuisine/Unique
Dine in-Take out
Tahoe City 530-583-5700

Lanza's/Traditional Italian
Since 1974
Tahoe Vista 530-583-2434

River Grill/Casually Elegant
On the banks of the peaceful Truckee River
Tahoe City 530-581-2644

Old Range Steakhouse/Traditional Steakhouse
Tahoe Vista 530-546-4800

Sage Leaf/CA inspired dinners, Lunches and Brunch
Incline Village 775-413-5005





HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Tahoe City Parks & Recreation


The Winter Sports Park's Online Reservations and Season Passes for 2022/2023 Season are available online. Snow has arrived, enabling the opening of the Cross Country and Snowshoe Trails, along with the Sled Hill & Ice Skating rink. Advance Reservations are highly recommended. Limited walk-ups will be permitted. Make your reservations by visiting their website <https://apm.activecommunities.com/tcpud/Home>

Make Christmas Week Memorable:

<https://www.gotahoenorth.com/spend-unforgettable-christmas-north-lake-tahoe/>. Santa will be making his rounds throughout the week at various resorts. Look for him in the Squaw Village and on the slopes at Squaw Valley, Dec. 19-20. Visitors at Homewood Mountain Resort can ski with Santa Dec. 21-25. At Diamond Peak, he'll join Penguin Pete to hand out candy canes and take photos with children on Dec. 24-25.

North Tahoe Arts Center

Show Dates: Now through January 3. For upcoming events, follow the link, <https://www.northtahoearts.org/events>
Featuring 18 guest artists with all kinds of work for your browsing and holiday shopping pleasure!



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