

Washoe Valley residents paying the price

I can't help but suspect that there have been some — maybe lots of — screw-ups on North Valleys/Pyramid construction permits for the development fees for quite some time. I live in East Washoe Valley, and they want to consolidate the two firehouses in Washoe Valley because they need another one up north. There are a lot of us older folks living on both sides of the lake, and medical calls far outnumber fire calls. Our firehouse on East Lake gets a lot of calls, just like the one on Franktown Road. If they didn't, they wouldn't be there.

East Lake and Franktown are only about four miles apart — but there's a big lake in between! This can only tell me that the fees they've been charging the developers up north for a long time hasn't been enough. And now we gotta pay?

Were land parcels for public areas (schools, firehouses, police substations, etc.) for new developments adequate? The money it takes to build those buildings were paid for by the developer, which was paid eventually by homebuyers. Where's that money from those fees? Why are you threatening us because of your obvious ineptness? This smacks of the "oops, never thought of that" lake in Lemmon Valley!

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