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COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

EASTER EGG HUNT

ASCWD will hold its traditional Easter Egg Hunt for residents and guests on Saturday, April 11, 2009. The hunts, which will vary according to age, will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. in the Water District parking lot. (The hunts will be over quickly, so be on time) Bring your own basket for collecting eggs and treats from the Easter Bunny. Dress for the weather, as this event will be held snow, rain or shine. We look forward to seeing old and new participants of all ages!

ALPINE SPRINGS COMMUNITY PARK

Welcome to the 12th season of the Alpine Springs Community Park! If you have never used our two wonderful tennis courts, the fabulous swimming pond, volleyball court, grassy play area with picnic tables or gas barbeques, you have missed a great opportunity to experience our alpine environment. These amenities are well-maintained in our beautiful alpine setting. Season passes, day use passes, and family week passes are a great buy and are available at the District office, Monday through Friday. The park pass fees are as follows: Single User Day Pass - \$ 5; Family Week Pass - \$55; Family Day Use Pass - \$15; Family Season Pass - \$125. A refundable deposit of \$25 per pass card will be charged and returned upon receipt of the card. Only <u>one</u> card will be issued for each Family Season Pass.

A Park Pass Application is attached. Please complete the application in full, including signing the application in the two designated places, and bring it to the District office with your check, payable to ASCWD.

A reservation for groups of more than 10 persons up to 200 persons is required. Groups of more than 200 persons are allowed only with approval of the District General Manager. Group use fees are as follows: 11 to 25 persons - \$35; 26 to 50 persons - \$70; 51 to 75 persons - \$150; 76 to 125 persons - \$225; 126 – 150 persons - \$300. The fee for weddings and groups of 151 to 200 persons is \$1,000. Barbeques may be reserved at a fee of \$5 for each barbeque. In addition, a \$200 damage deposit will be charged for groups of 11 to 150 persons for clean-up/breakage/repairs. A \$500 damage deposit will be charged for weddings and groups of 151 persons or more. Unused monies from the damage deposit will be refunded. Please call the District office at (530) 583-2342 to make a reservation.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- The park is supported by user fees, so collecting fees for use is essential for continued park operation. <u>Please</u> do not prop open the gate!
- Only household members may share a Family Season Pass. Adults from different households must purchase their own pass.
- Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult there is no lifeguard.
- No dogs or other pets are allowed at any time.
- There is no exclusive use of the park, even if you have reserved it for group use.
- Pass and group use applicants will be required to sign a liability waiver and release form.
- Additional information is available at <u>http://www.alpinesprings.org</u> click on "PARK."

BIRD WALK – SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

ASCWD will sponsor a Bird Walk on Saturday, June 6, 2009. The Bird Walk will be lead by Warren Bray, who has conducted the Bird Walk in previous years. The Bird Walk will start at 8:00 A.M. from the corner of Snowcrest and Alpine Meadows Road. Dress for the occasion. Wear walking shoes with support. Wear insect repellant and bring your field glasses. Contact Pam at the Water District for last minute changes due to weather or if you have questions. She can be reached at (530) 583-2342 x-11.

FLOWER WALK - SUNDAY, JULY 5TH

Have you ever driven into Alpine Meadows and as you were looking out the window wondered, "That is a beautiful flower. I wonder what kind of flower it is?" Well now is your chance to find out. ASCWD will sponsor a Flower Walk on Sunday, July 5, 2009. The Flower Walk will start at 8:30 A.M. from the Water District parking lot. The Flower Walk will be conducted by Michael Graf, author of "Plants of the Tahoe Basin." Dress for the occasion. Bring hats, water and walking shoes. Of course bring your camera. Contact Pam at the Water District for last minute changes due to weather or if you have questions. She can be reached at (530) 583-2342 x-11.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR CUSTOMERS

The District's Operations staff would like to thank the customers who keep the snow cleared from around the fire hydrants in their area. The Fire Department requires that snow be removed from around fire hydrants in the winter time. This assists fire personnel when they are responding to a fire call. Fire personnel do not have to take precious additional time to dig a fire hydrant out before it can be used. The District consumes considerable staff resources each winter performing this function. "It's great to see that some customers care about the fire protection capability of their utility," said Buz Bancroft, Operations Supervisor. Again, a big thank you to those customers who cleared the snow away from the fire hydrants in their area.

LOOKING FOR A TENNIS PARTNER

A tennis register board has been installed at the tennis courts. Interested persons can register their interest, ability and availability to facilitate connecting with others who would like to play tennis. By using the register board, people who are interested in playing tennis can become aware of potential tennis partners.

WILDFIRE EDUCATION DAY

Please save Saturday, July 11, 2009, on your calendar for an important Alpine Meadows Community Fire Education and Work Day Event. Your Alpine Meadows Fire Safe Council is working with the US Forest Service Ranger and North Tahoe Fire Protection District on a program for the day to include wildfire fuels reduction in the National Forest areas in our valley, our annual Firewise Communities/USA defensible space education program, and more. Additional details will be in the next quarterly newsletter and your HOA newsletters. "Thank You, Alpine Meadows Fire Safe Council (AMFSC)."

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Bring the kids and enjoy our Children's Play Area located on Alpine Meadows Road just 100 feet beyond the first Deer Park Road. Park in the pull-out area on the right (look for the wooden sign) and it is a short walk up the nature trail to the quiet, secluded site. Enjoy swings, a slide, a climbing structure, and a bench for views of our spectacular valley.

BEARS ARE BACK

Our local bears have recently been spotted in Alpine Meadows and they are hungry! Please secure your trash and **DO NOT** FEED THE BEARS! BE SURE TO LATCH THE DUMPSTERS!

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