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## **Board Meetings**

Second Friday of the month at 8:30am at the District Offices. 270 Alpine Meadows Rd. Alpine Meadows, CA

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#### WATER RESOURCES WORKSHOP

The Board of directors will be having a public workshop Saturday April 26, 2003, at 9:00 am at the District office. This workshop is scheduled to discuss the water resource of the District and the alternatives that are available for increasing and /or conserving those resources

## **40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY BASH!**

The District will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year this summer. A committee has been formed to make recommendation to the Board as to what type of event(s) should be included. At present, the celebration is scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup> (see upcoming events in the left hand margin). Public input, as always, is requested. Please let us know what you would like to see happen to celebrate this milestone. The committee members are Janet Grant and Tom Bass.

# ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT PROGRAM

There has been some interest voiced in resurrecting a past program in which residents of the Valley can "adopt" a fire hydrant. The adoption would require that the resident be willing and able to clear the hydrant of snow during the winter months. This, of course, would not include the occasional multi foot dumps. In those instances, District staff will assist. As a rule, the District staff clears only those hydrants that are most critical and leaves lesser hydrants for when time is available.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please let us know.

## **FIRE ALARM MONITORING**

The District's Fire Committee is made up of representatives of the Board of Directors, General Manager, Volunteer Fire Department and the Fire Chief. Over the previous months the Committee has been involved in numerous issues aimed at improving the overall fire safety in Alpine Meadows.

Priority concerns of the Fire Committee and Board of Directors include the fact that the Fire Department is all volunteer. While a "Sleeper" resident is in the station, dealing with both fire and medical emergencies requires a substantial number of trained individuals showing up to the scene of the emergency in the least number of minutes. To augment the volunteer force, the District has contracted with the North Tahoe Fire Protection District to provide automatic response from Tahoe City with both engines and paramedic ambulances for many years.

To address new construction and additions to existing residential and commercial properties, the District recently adopted an ordinance requiring automatic sprinkler systems under certain conditions. A complete text of the revised fire prevention ordinance can be viewed on the District website.

In addition to the new fire prevention ordinance, the District feels strongly that current homeowners can improve their chances of survival and limit property damage in the event of a fire by installing a monitored heat and smoke alarm in their home. Whether a permanent resident or not, the system can function on it's own to notify the fire department.

In making the Valley more fire safe, the District would like you to consider installing a monitored heat and smoke alarm system in your home. The program is dubbed the **Alpine Meadows Early Detection (AMED) Program** and is aimed at detecting a fire in the earliest stage possible and transmitting that information to an alarm company. This company then notifies the "911" call center who in turn gets fire department resources on the road.

In an effort to obtain the best prices, the District has solicited quotes from various alarm companies. The proposal also asked for vendors to quote a monthly monitoring fee. While strictly voluntary, the District believes this program is worth your consideration. Since fires left unchecked can spread exponentially, early warning can help you beat the odds.

For more information on this important program, contact Fire Chief Duane Whitelaw at 583-6911.

### WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

The District Board of Directors, at their February meeting approved, in concept to move forward with a watershed management plan. This is a big step for the District. This plan, once completed will provide significant insight into the water resources of the Bear Creek Valley.

As part of the process, the District is exploring the possibility of acting as the lead coordinating agency for a collaborative sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) review with the State Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region. As the project progresses, we will keep you informed. We are excited to have these opportunities to explore and better understand the resources, habitat and environment of the Valley and look forward to providing the public with a forum in which to participate in the process.

### **VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT**

Volunteers are needed to help maintain our Valley resources! The Greenbelt and Recreation Commission is looking for help to oil the equestrian bridge over Bear Creek. Please call Pam at the District office and leave your name and phone number if you are interested in helping stain the bridge for a few hours sometime this summer.

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Comments and suggestions

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Please write your comments, suggestions, etc. below. We want to hear from you.