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#### **ALPINE SPRINGS COMMUNITY PARK**

Welcome to the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 and 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 - \$8; Family Week Pass - \$60; Family Day Use Pass - \$20; Family Season Pass - \$135. A refundable deposit of \$25 per pass card will be charged and returned upon receipt of the card. Only one card will be issued for each Family Season Pass.

Opening day for the Park has not been determined at this time due to the amount of snow we received this year. Please check the District website at www.alpinesprings.org or call the office for additional information.

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, or mail in payment if you are a previous pass holder. Please be sure to write your park card # on the application.

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 - \$50; 26 to 50 persons - \$100; 51 to 75 persons - \$150; 76 to 125 persons - \$250; 126 – 150 persons - \$300. The fee for weddings and groups of 151 to 200 persons is \$1,250. Barbeques may be reserved at a fee of \$10 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. Please 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.
- <u>No dogs or other pets are allowed at any time.</u>(Exceptions will be made for service dogs. Contact Pam Zinn, Office Manager, for information.
  - 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 <a href="http://www.alpinesprings.org">http://www.alpinesprings.org</a> click on "PARK."

## EASTER EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD AT 10:00 A.M. SHARP

ASCWD will hold its traditional Easter Egg Hunt for residents and guests on Saturday, April 23, 2011. 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!

#### BIRD WALK - SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH AT 7:00 P.M.

ASCWD will sponsor a Bird Walk on Saturday, June 11, 2011. The Bird Walk will be lead by Warren Bray, who has conducted the Bird Walk in previous years. The Bird Walk will start at 7:00 p.m.in the evening at the big tree at 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 - SATURDAY, JULY 2ND AT 8:30 A.M.

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 Saturday, July 2, 2011. 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.

#### MANAGING YOUR UTILITY BILL

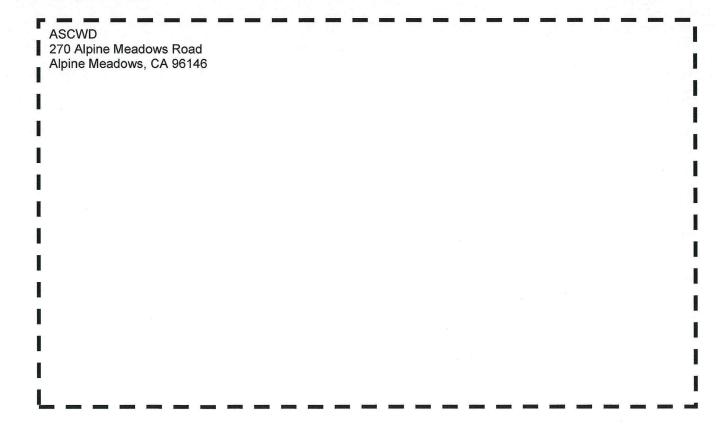
Customers have the option to pay their bills in installments. Customers who inform the District within 45 days after the billing date that they wish to make installment payments may pay off outstanding balances in no more than four equal payments, due at 30-day intervals, for a \$20 per payment finance and handling charge. Please call Pam Zinn, Office Manager, to schedule a payment plan.

#### DO NOT USE RED INK

At the request of the District's Bank, we have to ask that all checks be written in black or blue ink due to the new automatic scanning system they use. **Red ink doesn't scan!!** 

#### ANNUAL BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE CERTIFICATION

Backflow prevention devices are installed by a homeowner to protect the District's water supply distribution system from possible contamination from a source within the home or property. This could be anything from a hydronic heating system, fire sprinkler system or your landscape irrigation system. Under Ordinance 2-88, Alpine Springs County Water District requires that these devices be tested by an approved backflow tester on an annual basis. The results are then sent to the District's office. The District will send you a letter if you do not submit your annual inspection and test results to the District. Help the District keep our expenses down -- mark your calendar and don't forget your annual backflow prevention device test. A list of qualified testers can be supplied to you by calling or emailing the District office at 583-2342 ext 15 or buz@alpinesprings.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email.



# PARK PASS APPLICATION

Name	
Local Address	
Mailing Address	
Local Phone	Other Phone ()_
Park Pass Options:	Single User Day Pass \$ 8 Family Week Pass \$ 60 Family Day Use Pass \$ 20 Family Season Pass \$ 135
application and sign b	equired for the pass card, which is refunded when the card is returned. Complete the below. Limit of one card for each Family Season Pass. <b>Make your check payable to</b> to: ASCWD, 270 Alpine Meadows Road, Alpine Meadows, CA 96146.
NO: Anyone c	PINE SPRINGS COMMUNITY PARK — RULES  OPEN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS  Swim at your own risk — no lifeguard on duty  CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT  •Dogs •Skateboards •Smoking •Open fires •Open containers  DO NOT PROP THE GATE OPEN  aught vandalizing this property will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  GUEST POLICY  ers may bring "household guests" who are staying in their home at no extra cost.
	hereby acknowledge that I have read the Alpine Springs Community and that I and members of my household are responsible for abiding by the rules and that may result in forfeiture of my/our pass privileges.
Signature	Date
acceptance of my par death, personal injury its officers, agents an use of the Alpine Spr and injuries can arise risks and to release at liable to me, my heirs officers, agents and e property damage aris pursuant to this pass. my heirs and assigns	ASE: READ THIS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN. In consideration of the k pass application, I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages, or property damage which I may have against the Alpine Springs County Water District, d employees arising out of, related to or in any way connected with this park pass or the ings Community Park ("Park") pursuant to this pass. I further understand that accidents out of use of the Park; knowing those risks, nevertheless, I hereby agree to assume those and hold harmless all of the entities and persons mentioned above who might otherwise be so or assigns. I further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the District, its imployees from any and all claims resulting from damages, death, personal injury or ing out of, related to or in any way connected with this park pass or the use of the Park I further understand that this waiver, release and assumption of risk is to be binding on I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE CAREFULLY. I UNDERSTAND AND SSUME THE RISKS INVOLVED.
Signature	Date
Passcard Number	(To be filled in by District staff)

# NORTH TAHOE FIRE

# Duane L. Whitelaw, Fire Chief



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#### TIPS FOR NATURAL GAS AND PROPANE USERS

April 11th, 2011

Extraordinary snowfall in the Sierra Nevada has lasted through the Spring and has created deep snow that can damage natural gas and propane pipes, valves and tanks. Explosions and fires can occur, causing injuries and deaths. These tips are useful for year round residents, second homeowners and vacation renters.

North Tahoe Fire suggests the following tips for proper care of propane tanks during severe weather:

- If a shovel is used, remember a steel shovel is not recommended because it can create a spark or do damage when
  clearing snow off the tank or around the exposed piping, regulator, gauges or tubing. Use caution not to dent or
  break any of the piping, regulators or tubing. When you get close to the meter it would be preferred to remove the
  snow by hand. Do not use a snow blower near the meter. Do not attempt to remove ice from the meter.
- When clearing the roof, avoid shoveling snow onto exposed piping, the regulator or the tank, as well as any meters that may be in use.
- Do not pile snow and ice over meters, valves and piping.
- Check regulator vents on the system to be sure they are free of snow or ice, or water that could freeze. (A two stage
  system has a regulator on the tank and where the piping enters the building; a single regulator system is located only
  on the tank.) If a regulator vent is clogged with ice or snow, immediately contact your supplier.

Check all gas appliance exhaust and combustion air vents, such as dryer or furnace vents, to ensure they are clear of snow and ice.



It is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure that their Propane tank, piping and regulators are free of snow at all times.

- Placer County Building and Development Code, Articles 15.12.010 thru 15.12.080 can be referenced.
- Placer County Building and Development Code 15.12.070 states that safety inspections of propane tanks shall be made by the gas vendor including outside regulators, valves, meters and piping at least once each year.

If you smell a gas odor take the following steps;

- Leave immediately! While exiting, do not use electric switches, phones or anything that can cause a spark. Don't turn
  lights on or off or use any other electrical switches, including garage door openers. Don't open any windows or doors
  other than the ones you pass through on your way out.
- Go to a safe location and call 911.
- Alert your neighbors.
- Do not return until given permission by the utility or emergency officials.

North Tahoe Fire recommends that property owners or property managers keep their contact information, including home and cell phone numbers, current with their gas suppliers, homeowner associations, and or neighbors. In a gas emergency it is important that emergency personnel be able to contact affected property owners.

Please go to the North Tahoe Fire web site for questions and more information; customerservice@ntfire.net