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#### **BIRD WALK**

ASCWD will be sponsoring a Bird Walk on Saturday, June 23, 2007. 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 horse stables area. Dress for the occasion. Wear walking shoes with support. Wear insect repellant and bring your field glasses. Contact Pam at the Water District if you have questions. She can be reached at 583-2342 x-11.

# **FLOWER WALK**

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 be sponsoring a Flower Walk Saturday, July 7, 2007. 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 if you have questions. She can be reached at 583-2342 x-11.

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

Mark your calendar with the following dates: July 13<sup>th</sup> two Public Hearings. One hearing on increasing the water and sewer connection fees. One on establishing a Fire Protection Mitigation Fee. Contact John Collins at the Water District if you have questions. September 1<sup>st</sup> Valley Wide meeting.

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL COURSES**

Become a link in the chain of survival. The American Heart Association's Emergency Medical Courses are being offered by the North Tahoe Fire Protection District. There are monthly evening classes in Tahoe City on June 12<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> or in Kings Beach on July 17<sup>th</sup>, September 4<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>. If evening classes don't work for you there are multiply classes on Saturday in Tahoe City on July 14<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup> and in Kings Beach on June 9<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>. Classes will include basic first aid, CPR plus AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and BLS- Health Care Provider. The fees for the classes range from \$35.00 to \$45.00 depending upon the class. To register or for more information contact Joan Noble at North Tahoe Fire Protection District. Her telephone number is (530) 583-6913.

### **OPEN HOUSE - FIRE AWARENESS DAY**

A Fire Awareness Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Alpine Springs County Water District Office. The purpose of the Fire Awareness Day is to educate the residents of Alpine Meadows about reducing the risk that a wild land fire will threaten people and property in the Alpine Meadows area. This is a serious topic, but organizers have planned a fun community day. To start, the Nevada Fire Safe Council and North Tahoe Fire Protection District will be giving presentations on protecting your home and your neighbor's home from wild land fires. Presentations will be presented about thinning vegetation around your home so that a fire does not ignite your home and also about some simple steps that can be taken to prevent hot embers from igniting your home. There will be a presentation about planting native and fire resistant vegetation. Homeowners will receive some great ideas on plants that they can use that do not promote fire but will add to your landscape's appearance and at the same time provide privacy and work in this environment. There will be a presentation by a fire engine crew about fire fighting triage. Fire fighters have to make tough decisions about the homes they will protect and the homes they will have to walk away from. And, of course, the fire engine will be available for you and your kids to explore.

#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal has scheduled free household hazardous waste collection days at the Recycling Facility at the Eastern Regional Landfill for the following Saturday dates:

June 16<sup>th</sup> July 17<sup>th</sup> August 11<sup>th</sup> September 8<sup>th</sup> October 6th July 22<sup>nd</sup> August 25<sup>th</sup> September 22<sup>nd</sup> November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Appointments are necessary and space is limited. Please call Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal at (530) 583-0148 to schedule your appointment. The following items are accepted:

Pool Chemicals Contaminated Motor Oil Brake Fluid Drain Opener Contaminated Gasoline Solvents Oven Cleaner Furniture Polish **Automotive Chemicals** Insecticides Rug Cleaner Rubber Cement Silver Polish Fluorescent lamps and bulbs\* Herbicides Ammonia Household Batteries\* Pesticides Chlorine Bleach All Purpose Cleaner Tub & Tile Cleaner Disinfectants Toilet Cleaner Poisons Aerosol Cans\*

The following items will **NOT** be accepted:

Explosives or Ammunitions Asbestos Radioactive Materials Gas Cylinders

Bio-hazards (Syringes in rigid plastic containers)

Customers are limited to 15 gallons or 125 pounds per visit. Tips for handling Household Hazardous Waste transport. Liquids should be transported in a spill proof, leak proof container. Keep hazardous products in their original containers with label securely attached and readable. Store waste in a cool, dry place and out of the reach of children.

## **FREE CHIPPING PROGRAM**

The North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD) is once again offering a FREE chipping service. To take advantage of the program all you have to do is call the NTFPD's "chipper hot line" at **530-546-4347**. Leave your name, address, phone number, the best time to return your call, and whether you would like the chips blown back onto your property, left in a pile on the edge of your property or hauled away. Here are the rules: (1) Chipping will occur within approximately a two week window from the time of your call on a first-come-first-served basis. Priority will be given where multiple parcels are to be chipped. (2) All material to be chipped must be placed along the edge of the road with cut ends pointing towards the road. There is a 7" maximum diameter. (3) All materials chipped will be blown back on to the property to the left of the pile, left on the edge of the property or hauled away at the request of the homeowner.



<sup>\*</sup> In addition to dropping of these items off during an Household Hazardous Waste collection event, these items can be dropped off at the Recycling Facility at the Eastern Regional Landfill year – round for free recycling.