Newsletter - June 2009 **Editor: Barbara Danz**

Up Coming Events

Flower Walk

July 5, 2009 8:30 a.m. at the District Parking Lot

Community Wildfire Day July 11, 2009 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Meadows adjacent to

Alpine Meadows Stables

Free Collection Days

July 12th and August 29, 2009 at alpine Meadows parking lot

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Board Meetings

At the District Office: Friday, July 10th at 8:30 a.m. Friday, August 18th at 8:30 a.m. Friday, September 11th at 8:30

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CHIPPING PROGRAM - 530-583-2342

The Water District and North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD) will be offering chipping service this year for a flat fee of \$75.00 regardless of the size of the pile. We regret that we are not able to provide this service at no cost as we have in the past. The grant which supported this program in the past was from the State of California and is not available this year due to the economic conditions of the State. Chipping services will be provided during the following four weeks in Alpine Meadows: June 22nd, July 27th, September 1st, and October 5th. To take advantage of the program, call the Water District's at 530-583-2342. 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 or left in a pile on the edge of your property. You will need to deliver or mail a check to the District in the amount of \$75.00 to keep your name on the list. The list will be on a first-come-first-served basis. All material to be chipped must be placed along the edge of the road with cut ends pointing towards the road. There is a 10" maximum diameter.

FREE COLLECTION DAYS

Two free Alpine Meadows Collection Events are scheduled for July 12th and August 29th at the main parking lot at Alpine Meadows Resort. Residents can bring any vegetative debris to the site and drop it off for free. The Alpine Meadows FireSafe Council will be opening the gates at approximately 8:00 am and closing them at approximately 2:00 pm. The material will be ground up and hauled off after the second event in August. Please call North Tahoe Fire Protection District with specific questions or for details at 546-2212.

VALLEY WIDE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DAY

Please save Saturday, July 11th for an important Alpine Meadows Community Fire Education and Work Day Event between 8:00 am and 2:30 pm. The US Forest Service land adjacent to the Alpine Meadows Stables is the targeted project area for the work day. Participates will be working to create a defensible space in this area - clearing branches, brush, and trees marked by the Forest Service to be taken down. A crew will be falling trees on an earlier date. Please bring a water bottle, sunscreen, work gloves, a rake, and clippers, if you have them. Coffee and snacks pastries will be provided in the early morning. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am for participates of the work day. If you are unable to join in the work day event you are welcome to join in for the brief education portion of the day (at 11:30 am) and have lunch as well (donations will be applied to the cost of the food). Please come for as much time as you can. You can park in the stables parking area. The staging area will be set up in the

You also will earn a ticket for our raffle of an Alpine Meadows Ski Pass for a morning or afternoon "shift" (or 2 entries if you work both shifts!). Please contact Dawn Grass at tahoedra@mac.com or call (530) 581-3410 to RSVP to the event. They would like to know how many are coming. See you on the 11th! "Thank You, Alpine Meadows FireSafe Council."

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 guestions. She can be reached at (530) 583-2342 x-11.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Each year Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal offers household hazardous waste collection days at the Recycling Facility at the Eastern Regional Landfill for residential customers. A list of acceptable items is provided below. To schedule an appointment for one of the household hazardous waste days or for questions about acceptable wastes, please call 530-583-0148. Quantities are limited to 15 gallons or **125 pounds per visit.** The household hazardous waste days for 2009 are:

June 13 July 11 July 25 August 22 August 8 September 5 September 19 October 10 November 7

The following items are accepted: Contaminated Motor Oil, Brake Fluid, Drain Opener, Pool Chemicals, Contaminated Gasoline, Solvents, Oven Cleaner, Furniture Polish, Automotive Chemicals, Insecticides, Rug Cleaner, Rubber Cement, Fluorescent Lamps and Bulbs*, Herbicides, Ammonia, Silver Polish, Household Batteries*, Pesticides, Chlorine Bleach, All Purpose Cleaner, Tub & Tile Cleaner, Poisons, Disinfectants, Toilet Cleaner, Aerosol Cans*. **The following items will NOT be accepted**: Explosives or Ammunition, Asbestos, Radioactive Materials, Gas Cylinders, Bio-hazards waste (Syringes in Rigid Plastic Containers).

* These items can be dropped off at the Recycling Facility at the Eastern Regional Landfill year–round for free recycling. Remember: Liquids should be transported in a spill-proof, leak-proof container. Keep hazardous products in their original containers with labels securely attached and readable. Store waste in a cool, dry place and out of the reach of children.

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!!**

MANAGING YOUR UTILITY BILL

Customers have the option to pay their bills in installments. Customers who inform the District within 75 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.

ALPINE SPRINGS COMMUNITY PARK

The Alpine Springs Community Park is open. If you have never used our wonderful park and its amenities: tennis courts, the fabulous swimming pond, volleyball court, grassy play area with picnic tables or gas barbeques, you have missed a great opportunity. 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 one card will be issued for each Family Pass.

DON'T FORGET TO LATCH THE DUMPSTERS

Bears are on a day long search for food and the dumpsters at the District office are on their route. Unfortunately, some people either leave their garbage sitting outside the dumpsters or do not latch the dumpsters after putting their garbage in the dumpsters. As a result, our friendly, inquisitive, resident bears are making a mess of things. You can help by following all the rules every time you use the dumpsters. Be sure to latch the dumpsters after every use. Two disposable plastic glove dispensers have been provided for your convenience. They are located on the stand marked "Gloves".

Remember ... a fed bear is a dead bear.

