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Upcoming Events

Flower Walk

July 3, 2010, 8:30 a.m. at the District Parking Lot

Fire Safe Council Annual Work Day

July 10, 2010, 8:30a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Across from AM Stables

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Board Meetings

At the District Office: Friday, July 9th at 8:30 a.m. Friday, August 13th at 8:30 a.m. Friday, September 17th at 8:30 a.m.

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CHIPPING PROGRAM - 530-546-4347

The Water District and North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD) will be offering chipping service this year at no cost. The grant, from the State of California, which has supported this program in the past, is once again available this year. Chipping services will be provided during the following four weeks in Alpine Meadows: June 21st, July 26th, August 30th and October 4th. To take advantage of the program, call 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 or left in a pile on the edge of your property. 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. No vacant lots will be chipped. Maximum size is 6 feet high by 20 feet long. NTFPD will not haul the chips away.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS

Call North Tahoe Fire Protection District at 530-546-2212 to request your inspection. The list will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

FLOWER WALK – SATURDAY, JULY 3RD

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 3, 2010. 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.

FIRE SAFE COUNSEL ANNUAL WORK DAY

Fire Safe Council's annual work day is Saturday, July 10 - 8:30am - 2:30pm. Volunteers will be served lunch and drinks. The location this year is across the street from the AM Stables. People can RSVP to sign up to my email $- \frac{\text{tahoedrg@mac.com}}{\text{tahoedrg@mac.com}}$ or call me at 530-581-3410.

ALPINE MEADOWS FUELS REDUCTION PROGRAM

District staff and consultants have worked with Lahontan Water Quality Control Board staff regarding the requirements for a water quality monitoring program within the stream environment zone and have been granted a Category 6 exemption for monitoring. The areas to be thinned will be re-marked in the next several months. Staff hope to start the thinning the next month with the burns planned for next spring.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Each year, Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal offers household hazardous waste collection days for residential customers at the Recycling Facility at the Eastern Regional Landfill. 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 2010 are:

June 26 July 10 July 31 August 21 September 4 September 18 October 9 November 6

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 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.

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.

2010 WATERCRAFT ISPECTIONS IN ALPINE MEADOWS

In cooperation with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the Tahoe Resource Conservation District implements the Watercraft Inspection Program which is designed to prevent the introduction of new aquatic invasive species and control the populations that currently exist. To improve boater services at Lake Tahoe launch ramps this year, seasonal watercraft inspection stations will be opening at off-ramp locations, including one in the Alpine Meadows Ski Resort Deer Park parking lot on Alpine Meadows Road. Sites have been selected and are being operated in consideration of the surrounding neighborhoods. Noise and parking will be managed by trained inspectors and managers to reduce impacts to nearby communities.

Watercraft inspections will begin at the Deer Park parking lot in May 2010 and run through September 30, 2010. This station will be open seven days a week from 6am to 8pm. Decontaminations will be offered between 8am and 5pm. If you have any concerns or questions about the Watercraft Inspection Station at the Deer Park parking lot, please contact Kim Boyd at kboyd@tahoercd.org or 530-543-1501 x.109.

For information on the Watercraft Inspection Program or Aquatic Invasive Species, please visit www.tahoeboatinspections.org or call 1-888-824-6267.

