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COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Service Rates and addition Three Board positions are up for election. If you are interested in running, candidate filing opens July 16, 2018 and closes August 10, 2018. Nomination papers are available at the Placer County elections Office during these dates.

NEW BOCCE BALL COURT

BOARD ELECTIONS

The ASCWD Board directed staff to proceed with construction of a bocce ball court in the northeast portion of the park. After some analysis it was determined that the court should be constructed using decomposed granite and crushed sea shells. The perimeter curbing was constructed of weather resistant wood securely anchored to the ground. The court dimensions are 10 feet by 70 feet. The plan is to provide two seating areas utilizing reclaimed redwood from the District's redwood tank replacement project. Players will have to provide their own bocce balls. Players are encouraged to provide the ASCWD office with feedback on their usage of the bocce ball court. Remember our parks are supported by user fees, so if you bring a quest that is not staying at your home with you, please pay the user fee for the day. You can pay at the front office or drop payment in the donation box by the bathrooms in the park.

Defensible Space Inspections PROPOSED INCREASE IN WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE SERVICES RATES AND ADDITION OF A NEW FIRE FUEL MANAGEMENT FEE

The District has mailed out notice of its intent to hold a Public Hearing on May 11th at 9:00 am at the District office located at 270 Alpine Meadows Road. The purpose of the public hearing is for the District Board to consider adopting updated water, sewer, garbage and fire fuel management service rates and charges. The District is committed to providing the highest quality utility services at the lowest possible rates for our residents while maintaining financial sound and fiscally responsible water, sewer, garbage and fire fuel management programs. To meet this commitment, the Board engaged an independent consultant to evaluate the infrastructure needs, programs, and operations and maintenance costs of its water, sewer garbage and fire fuel management programs. This review assessed the adequacy of the revenues to operate and maintain the utilities and comply with all State and Federal regulations. Based on this evaluation, it has been determined that rate increases are necessary to enable the District to: (1) recover current and projected increases in the costs of operating and maintaining the water, sewer, and garbage systems and fire fuel management program; (2) construct capital infrastructure improvements needed to repair, replace and update the District's aging infrastructure; (3) maintain the operational and financial stability of the utilities programs; (4) avoid operational deficits and the depletion of reserves; (5) comply with State and Federal regulatory requirements; and (6) meet and comply with any annual debt service requirements. The District's services are all billed on an annual basis. The proposed annual adjustments are summarized in the table below.

Average Bill	Present	Proposed				
_	Rate	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
Water	\$936.70	\$955.69	\$984.65	\$1,1013.35	\$1,043.05	\$1,073.75
Sewer	\$78.20	\$82.10	\$86.20	\$90.55	\$95.05	\$99.80
Garbage	\$422.28	\$443.05	\$459.45	\$476.50	\$494.25	\$512.70
Fire Fuel	\$0.00	\$30.70	\$31.65	\$32.60	\$33.55	\$34.60
Management						
Total Annual	\$1,437.18	\$1,511.54	\$1,561.95	\$1,613.00	\$1,665.90	\$1,720.85
% Change		5.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%

ALPINE SPRINGS COMMUNITY PARK

Welcome to the 21th season of the Alpine Springs Community Park. Park Use fees will stay the same this year. The usual opening date of Memorial Weekend is the current schedule. Check our website at www.alpinesprings.org for updates, applications and fees. Remember our parks are supported by user fees, so if you bring a guest that is not staying at your home with you, please pay the user fee for the day. You can pay at the front office or drop payment in the donation box by the bathrooms in the park.

The District office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. 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. The District now takes credit card payment. There is a 2.5% convenience fee for use of a credit card. Fees are included with the Park Pass Application and group use fees are on the District website. Group use requires advance reservations. If you have questions please call the District office at (530) 583-2342 x 3.

WATER STORAGE TANKS 4 AND 4A REPLACEMENT PLANNNED

The District's 500,000 gallon redwood water storage tank, known as tank 4A, was damaged during the heavy snows of the 2016/17 season. Temporary repairs were made to the roof structure. The tank roof structure had developed sags and was in need of a complete replacement. The redwood tank had also developed extensive leaking over the years due to differential settlement of the foundation. Previous analysis of the adjacent 100,000 gallon welded steel tank and the redwood tank had also indicated that both tanks were subject to earthquake issues. The proposal is to replace both tanks with a single welded steel water storage tank. Following avalanche and biological surveys, 60% plans have been prepared and a submitted to the U S Forest Service for approval. Approval from the Forest Service is expected this spring and construction this fall. Watch for christening plans this fall.

DUMPSTERS FOR ALPINE RESIDENTS ONLY

The dumpsters that are located at the District offices are for alpine homeowners use only. No contractors should be using these dumpsters. Contractors should have a dumpster on job sites or you could be fined up to \$1,000. These are courtesy dumpsters provided by the District for homeowners without a bear box at their residence. If you are interested in a bear box, TTSD has a loan program available at 0% interest for five years. You may contact them directly at (530)583-7800.

MAKE SURE YOUR BILLING AND EMAIL ADDRESS IS UP TO DATE

Bills are coming out July 1st; make sure the District has your correct billing address. ASCWD also has a payment plan, but you need to set up a payment plan with the District no later than August 14, 2018 with your first payment. If you would like the District to add you to the list of homeowners who receive their bill by email in addition to USPS, contact Pam Zinn at 530-583-2342 x3 between the hours of 9am to 3pm prior to the end of June. Also, please keep your email address up to date.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS

Defensible space inspections are available year round. You can arrange for a defensible space inspection by calling North Tahoe Fire Protection District at 530-583-6913 extension 622.

BIRD WALK - SATURDAY JUNE 9, 2018 AT 8:00 A.M.

ASCWD will sponsor a Bird Walk on Saturday, June 9, 2018. The Bird Walk will once again be lead by Warren Bray, who has conducted the Bird Walk in previous years. The Bird Walk will start at 8:00 a.m. in the morning at the big tree at the corner of Snow Crest Road and Alpine Meadows Road. Dress for the occasion. Wear walking shoes with support. Wear insect repellent and bring your field glasses. Watch for last minute changes due to bird nesting condition. Contact Pam at the Water District office at (530) 583-2342 x-3, if you have questions.

CHIPPING SERVICES To Be Determined (TBD).

FLOWER WALK – To Be Determined (TBD) AT 9:00 A.M.

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