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A Report to Our Community January 2015

Employee(s) of the Year

The Utilities Underground Team: Justin Bancroft, Lance DeMartini & Patrick Potter

Each year, TCPUD employees nominate co-workers for this special recognition. This year, the 2014 Employee of the Year award has been given to the District's Underground Construction Crew, consisting of employees Justin Bancroft, Lance DeMartini and Patrick Potter. Typically, the award is only received by one employee, but during the 2014 year, this crew exemplified and embodied all of the reasons why the Employee of the Year is recognized.

Together, Lance, Pat and Justin completed 22 sewer repairs, over 20 water leak repairs, and the replacement of 48 water service lines to name just a few of their accomplishments. "These individuals have an excellent work ethic, are always dependable, carry a team player mentality, and are highly efficient without compromising safety," said Dan Lewis, Utilities Superintendent. "This crew is always trying to improve and make things better, and can never be over matched by the amount of work that is placed in front of them."

The District is pleased to honor these three gentlemen and truly appreciates all the hard work that occurs mostly behind the scenes, yet is the heart and soul of the utility service we provide.

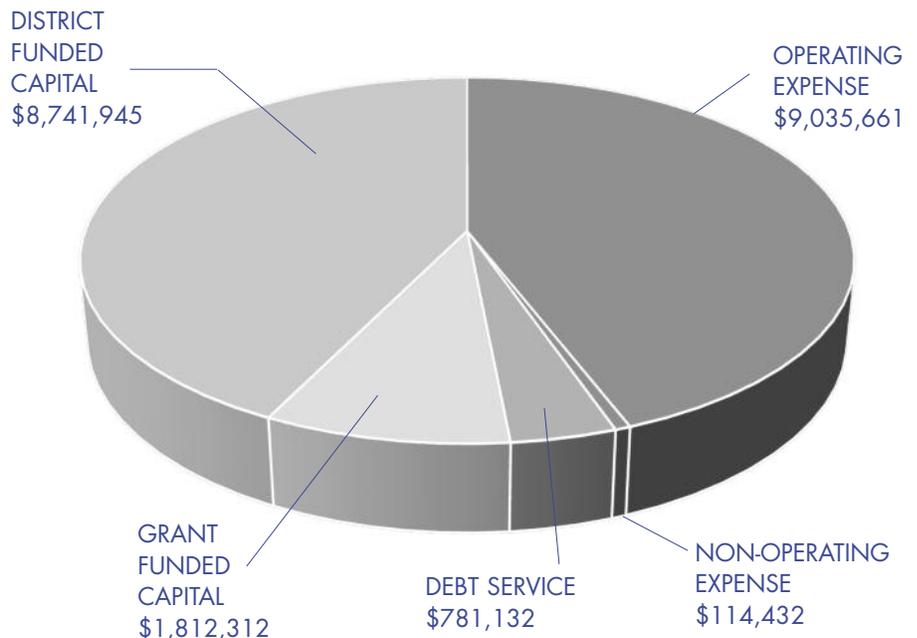
Congratulations to Justin, Lance and Pat, as the TCPUD 2014 Employee(s) of the Year!

TCPUD Board Adopts 2015 Budget and New Rates

At its November 21, 2014 board meeting, the TCPUD Board of Directors approved the 2015 annual budget. Budget highlights include: a total operating budget for 2015 of \$9 million, representing a 4.2% increase over 2014, a capital budget for new infrastructure projects of \$10.5 million with \$1.8 million coming from secured grant funding thus far, and the District will be paying down debt by \$670,000 used for past capital projects.

The Board also approved the proposed 5-year schedule of maximum water and sewer rates, which included rate increases that are reflected in the 2015 budget. The new rate schedule for the average consumer is essentially the same schedule that was adopted in 2009, extending the timeline with gradual increases over the next 5 years. In 2015, a typical household will pay an increase of just \$2.55 for water and \$2.07 for sewer per month. 100% of the additional revenue from rates will go directly to help fund much needed capital infrastructure projects for the aging sewer and water systems. Under strict direction from the Board, TCPUD staff continues to keep operating costs as low as possible.

TCPUD BUDGET BREAKDOWN



Winter Sports Park Staff Updates

The Winter Sports Park is back for its 3rd season, located in downtown Tahoe City at the Golf Course. The park offers a sledding hill, groomed trails for traditional cross country and skate skiing as well as a dedicated loop for snowshoers, walkers, and snowbikers. The trails are dog friendly and there are several "clean up" stations to ensure pet owners can help keep the park clean. The restaurant and bar are open during the park's operating hours and the clubhouse is transformed into a lodge feel. The trails are groomed daily and donations are encouraged on "closed" days to help offset the grooming costs. With an outdoor fire pit, sledding, cross country skiing, and a lodge, it is definitely fun for the whole family.

Schedule of Operations (conditions permitting):

Friday - Sunday, November 28 - March 30

Trail Grooming 7 days per week

Park: Fri & Sun, 10am-5pm
Sat, 10am-8pm

Restaurant & Bar: Fri & Sun, 9am-5pm
Sat, 9am-8pm

Holiday Schedule: 7 days a week,
February 13-22

A \$5-\$10 donation is requested for trail use on non-operating days.



Upcoming Events at the Park:

- Every Monday, 6pm, starting Dec 8 (conditions permitting): Human Bowling
- Sunday, Feb 1: Super Bowl Sunday at the Park
- Wednesday, Feb 4: Full Moon Relays
- Wednesday, Feb 24: Group Ski from the Sports Park to Tahoe XC
- Wednesday, Feb 26: Cobblestone Relays

For information on passes, pricing and events visit www.wintersportspark.com, or call 530-583-1516.

TCPUD THANKS TWO RETIRING LONG-TIME EMPLOYEES

It is never easy when good employees decide to call it a career. Both Rich Lehman and Kevin Ferrell retired at the end of 2014 after 26 and 32 years respectively with the District. We wish them great happiness in their retirement and appreciate their dedication and contributions to the District and our community.

RICH LEHMAN: Rich's knowledge, expertise, planning, and attention to detail were all great assets to the District. As Dan Lewis, Utilities Superintendent said, "Rich was very meticulous with each and every project he undertook and the high quality and effectiveness of the end result was always apparent. He took the time to explain the processes he went through with the people he led and was seen as a strong and experienced leader by all in the pump stations. Rich's experience and knowledge will be missed." Rich started his career at the TCPUD in February 1988 as an Operations Specialist II. In 1992 Rich was promoted to Operations Specialist III, and then promot-

ed to Field Supervisor in 2002.

KEVIN FERRELL: Kevin has had an amazing career with the District, and the knowledge and experience he gained along the way is immeasurable. "Kevin's knowledge, work ethic, dependability, planning, organizational skills, and his stressing the importance of safety in all aspects of the job is what made Kevin such a great leader to the Utilities team", said Dan Lewis, Utilities Superintendent. "Always having a plan and then being prepared for contingencies is how Kevin went into every project he undertook. I have appreciated Kevin's dedication to the District and for the training he has provided for the next generation to come." Kevin began working for TCPUD as a seasonal construction worker in May 1982. Hired full time in September 1982 he began working in the Utilities Department. Kevin was promoted to Operations Technician- Electrician in June of 1987 followed by a promotion to Lead Worker-Electrician in October of 2012.

Tahoe XC Highlights

- 10-Pack day tickets for \$185, transferable
- FREE lessons throughout the winter

Tahoe XC Events:

- January 25, Alpenglow Freestyle Races
- January 30 and 31, Full Moon SWEP Yurt Dinners with Chef Douglas Dale
- March 8, 15th Annual Gourmet Ski Tour

Visit www.tahoexc.org for more information.

Parks & Recreation Winter Events/Programs

- Register for the first-ever indoor, winter, adult, co-ed, Cornhole League. Space is limited. League starts February 13.
- Ski/Skate Adventure Camp, Feb 17-20, Rideout Community Center
- Mother-Son Laser Tag, March 14, Rideout
- Spring Break Adventure Camp, April 6-10, Rideout Community Center
- Drop in Co-ed Futsal, Monday nights, Rideout Community Center
- Open Gym Basketball, Tuesday nights, Rideout Community Center

Visit www.tcpud.org for more information, or to register online.

PUD INFO

Did you know?

The Rideout Community Center is one of the District's 16 facilities that can be rented for private use! Rideout has 3 classrooms, a gym, ball fields, a commercial kitchen and more. You can rent some or all of the facility starting at only \$7 per hour (2 hour minimum)! Call 530-580-6279 or visit www.tcpud.org, Parks and Recreation section, for more information, or to reserve a facility online.

View Board Meetings Online

Interested in attending the Board Meetings but can't make it in person? No problem! All TCPUD Board of Directors meetings can be viewed online via live streaming or watch the recorded meeting anytime by visiting www.tcpud.org.

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