



TCPUD QUARTERLY NEWS

A Report to Our Community

April 2011

Summer Sign Up Day

The TCPUD Parks & Recreation Department will host its annual Summer Program Sign Up Day on Saturday, May 7. Register for Camp Skylandia, swim lessons, the Tahoe Community Sailing Program, and more! TCPUD residents and property owners can register 8am-9am, non-residents 9:30am-10:30am, at Rideout Community Center. Be prepared to provide proof of residency.

If you're unable to attend, you can download a registration form from our website at www.tahoecitypud.com/parksrec/register.shtml and mail it or fax it to 530-583-8452. All those received by sign up day will be processed after all walk-in registrations are complete.

Beginning Wednesday, May 11, you may register online. Follow the Parks & Recreation tab.

Like us on Facebook



Check out the TCPUD Parks & Recreation on Facebook and "like" us! We'll keep you up to date with new activities, upcoming events, contests, and lots of great photos. Search Tahoe City Parks and Recreation Department, or go to the home page on the TCPUD website at tahoecitypud.com and click on the Facebook logo.

Protect Your Water From Contamination

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE ABOUT BACKFLOW PREVENTION

Water normally flows in one direction, from your water provider through the system to your plumbing fixtures. Under certain conditions water can flow in the reverse direction – creating "backflow". There are two conditions that can cause BACKFLOW:

BACKSIPHONAGE – occurs due to a loss of pressure in the water system providing your water. This can be caused by a rapid withdrawal of a high volume of water from the system due to a system shutdown, a break in the supply mains, or active fire protection. This reduction of pressure creates a vacuum in the piping which draws water into your home from your irrigation lines, hot tub, or any plumbing fixture with a submerged inlet. These sources of water can contaminate your home's drinking water and even enter the public system contaminating other's potable water.

BACKPRESSURE – is created when the source of pressure, such as a household pump, creates pressure greater than that supplied through the distribution system. A pump from a landscape pond, hot tub, hydronic heating system, or other system containing non-potable water, pumps that water into the potable water supply affecting your home, and even the entire public system.

Backflow from private plumbing systems, landscaping, medical and dental clinics, hospitals, and other contaminant-containing systems into public water mains and wells poses a *serious* public health threat. Biological hazards (such as bacteria or viruses) or toxic substances could sicken an entire population if introduced through backflow into private plumbing systems and/or water distribution systems.

The State of California mandates that water suppliers must maintain ongoing backflow prevention and cross-connection control programs to protect public water systems from hazards that originate on private property.

What can you do to prevent contamination of your own home and the public water system?

- Notify TCPUD or your water provider immediately of any potential cross-connections on your property. Respond to the TCPUD Cross-Connection ... *continued on back*

Are Your Home & Property Fire Safe?

We have seen the destructive effects of wildfire in the Tahoe Basin. Every year numerous "fire starts" occur in our communities and, without your help, have the potential to become catastrophic in magnitude.

North Tahoe Fire Protection District offers a variety of services to help homeowners keep their neighborhood fire safe. Again this season, the District will offer free curbside chipping, defensible space inspections, and bio-mass collection events. Please give their Forest Fuels office a call for more information on inspections: 530-546-2212; and to schedule free chipping: 530-546-4347.

As part of a cooperative effort with CAL FIRE, mandatory compliance defensible space inspections will be occurring throughout the summer. Establishing and maintaining defensible space is a state law in California (Public Resource Code 4291). It is your responsibility to maintain a fire-resistive area on your property.

Guidance for creating defensible space has been published in various forms and is available at: ntfire.net, and livingwithfire.info/tahoe.

A fire-safe community is everyone's goal. Thanks for doing your part.

Truckee Tahoe Airport District Board Invites Public Input

The Truckee Tahoe Airport District is inviting the community to its April 28, 2011 Board of Directors meeting. At that time the Board will consider ideas and concepts aimed at providing greater public benefit and value to Airport District constituents.

While the airport is physically located in Truckee, the Airport Service District boundary encompasses over 500 square miles including all of the communities from Tahoma through Tahoe City and Kings Beach.

The Board is interested in the ideas and suggestions from residents regarding the benefit and value the Airport District can provide to the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Some of the proposals to be discussed involve potential aviation related enhancements to public safety services, search and rescue, fire fighting, communications, and community sponsorships. The meeting is scheduled April 28, 2011 at 9am at the North Tahoe Events Center in Kings Beach. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information regarding this meeting or the Airport District in general, call 530-587 4119, or visit the Airport District website at truckeetahoeairport.com.

2011 AMGEN BIKE TOUR COMING TO LAKE TAHOE

The Largest Cycling Event in America Features South Lake Tahoe as Overall Start and North Lake Tahoe as Stage 1 Finish, Stage 2 Start

The 2011 Amgen Tour of California, the largest cycling event in America, will start on May 15 at Lake Tahoe! Lake Tahoe's first-ever involvement in the race will feature more than a lap and a half around the Lake beginning at the California/Nevada state line in South Lake Tahoe and travelling up the West Shore and through Tahoe City with the Stage 1 finish at Northstar-at-Tahoe.

North Lake Tahoe will also host the Stage 2 start on May 16 at Squaw Valley, home of the 1960 Winter Olympics.

For more information visit TahoeAmgenTourOfCalifornia.com.

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Survey that was mailed to all water customers last fall. It is also available on our website, www.tcpud.org.

- Install approved backflow prevention assemblies on identified cross-connections per TCPUD requirements. Such devices must be tested annually and the results reported to the TCPUD.

For more information check out our website, tcpud.org/utilities/backflow.shtml. You may also email Barbara Smith at barbsmith@tcpud.org, or call 530-583-3796 x28.

Rideout Community Garden

TCPUD is extremely proud of the partnership with volunteers to create the community garden. Whether your interest lies in growing organic produce, herbs, or native flowers; by participating in this garden you are a steward of public land. Plots are only \$2 per square foot and will be available once the snow melts. If you would like to be included on an email list to receive current information on garden meetings and when plots will be available, please send an email to anorman@tcpud.org.

