



TCPUD QUARTERLY NEWS

A Report to Our Community

July 2005

Commons Beach SCHEDULE*

MUSIC SERIES

- 7/10 Papa Mali & the Instagators
- 7/17 The Delgado Brothers
- 7/24 Little Brian & the Zydeco Travelers
- 7/31 Janiva Magness
- 8/7 Tinsley Ellis
- 8/14 The Gospel Hummingbirds
- 8/21 Donner Mountain Bluegrass Band
- 8/28 Tishamingo
- 9/4 Commander Cody & the Lost Planet Airmen
- 9/11 The Lifters

MOVIE SERIES

- 7/6 Shrek 2
- 7/13 A Fairy Tale: A True Story
- 7/20 Runaway Bride
- 7/27 Hook
- 8/3 The Dust Factory
- 8/10 Hitch
- 8/17 Peter Pan
- 8/24 E.T.
- 8/31 Harry Potter: The Prisoner of Azkaban

* Performers or titles are subject to change. Check local media as date approaches for verification.

www.visittahoe.com

TCPUD Partners Summer Events

AT COMMONS BEACH

In partnership with the newly formed Tahoe City Downtown Association, TCPUD is providing a number of programs at Commons Beach. The intent is to use the "Commons" as it was intended – as a community gathering place.

The following family-friendly events are free:

SUNDAYS

- Lakeside Music Series / 4pm - 7pm
Various artists will perform

WEDNESDAYS

- Wildlife Talks / 6pm - 7pm
Various presentations on area wildlife
- Lakeside Family Movies / at Dusk

THURSDAYS

- Foothill Farmer's Market / 8am - 1pm
- Tahoe Tales / 6pm - 7pm

Various speakers will present Tahoe history and environmental education

Many TCDA member businesses are allowing attendees to use their parking. Attendees are encouraged to walk or ride into town for the events.

ON THE WEST SHORE

TCPUD is also working with the West Shore Business Association for a special event they are sponsoring. "An Evening with Mark Twain," with MacEvoy Lane, will be presented on Wednesday, August 17, from 7pm - 8:30pm.

The performance will be held at the historic Ehrman Mansion, in Sugar Pine Point State Park, Emerald Bay Road (Hwy 89), approximately 10 miles south of Tahoe City. For more information, please contact Alice Ross, 530-581-0978, or Susan Fitzgerald Reichert at Sierra Parks Foundation, 530-525-9460.

Water Conservation Tips – Save Water, Save Energy

One of the easiest ways to help conserve our natural resources is to practice water conservation. Please do your part to conserve water and the energy used to deliver it to you!

LANDSCAPING – OUTDOOR USE

- Do not water native landscape or open lots
- Water in early morning or evening
- Do not over-water landscaping
- Check sprinklers often so that water is directed where necessary
- Wash cars with bucket & hose with shutoff nozzle
- Do not hose down sidewalks or driveways

- Mulch around trees & plants
- Plant drought-tolerant trees & plants

INSIDE USE

- Do not leave water running while brushing teeth, shaving, washing dishes, cleaning produce, or defrosting food
- Repair leaking or running toilets
- Wash only full loads of laundry or dishes
- Install water-saving showerheads & toilets
- Take shorter showers
- Detect leaks & repair them within 48 hours ■



Introducing Bob Bolton – New Director of Parks and Recreation

Bob Bolton has been named the new Director of Parks and Recreation for TCPUD. Bob worked for TCPUD from 1988 to 1999 in a variety of roles with increasing levels of responsibility. In July of 1999 he accepted a position with Truckee Donner Recreation and Parks District as Parks Superintendent. During his time there he successfully worked on a number of new park projects including the creation of the Riverview Sports Park, an ice-skating rink, and a skateboard park.

Bob was chosen from a field of six well-qualified candidates. “Bob’s vast experience in park maintenance and operations in this mountain environment is a welcome addition to our staff,” commented General Manager Bob Lourey. “His strong leadership style and management skills will help us maintain and improve our park facilities and recreation programming.”

Bob and his wife Amy have two children and reside in Truckee. ■

FOOTNOTE: Excellent water conservation information is available at these websites:

www.h2ouse.org

www.tmh2o.com/conservation/twice_weekly_watering

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TCPUD Begins Survey Program in Parks

The TCPUD Board has approved a survey and user count program at key park facilities over the summer. This program will provide information on user patterns, counts, and demographics. Understanding park use will assist TCPUD in planning and funding for future improvements at the facilities. It will also help assess the success or needs of our current operational strategy. If you are approached to complete a survey, please participate ... YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

TCPUD 2005 Construction Projects

West Shore Bike Trail Improvements at Sequoia Crossing

Construction on the long-awaited trail improvements at “Sequoia Crossing” began in early June and should be complete by mid-August. Since the early 1990’s, TCPUD has been working to find a solution to the bike trail’s dangerous surface crossing located between the intersections of Sequoia Drive and Highway 89. Five different alternatives were evaluated for safety needs, environmental impacts, private property impacts, user practicality, and cost. The alternatives were narrowed to the final approved project, which includes:

- An automated vehicle warning system with flashing lighted signs;
- Improved sight distance for vehicles and trail users through hillside changes and stabilization;
- Elimination of the steep grade of the trail just north of the crossing, and replacement with a gradual climb.

While construction is underway, Caltrans officials have worked with TCPUD staff to provide an interim alternative that will allow trail users to walk along the east side of the highway. Delineators and signage will direct trail users to the alternative. Trail users and vehicles are asked to use caution through this area.

Highlands Area New Water Facilities

TCPUD and the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District are undertaking the construction of a new water tank, booster pump station, and service line in the Highlands area. The new 1.2 million gallon tank will provide adequate water supply and pressure to meet new code requirements for the North

Tahoe Middle/High School project. The supply and pressure improvements will also benefit many of the residences in the area. TCPUD and TTUSD are sharing the costs of the project. TCPUD is the lead agency on the project. Construction is expected to be complete in July of 2006.

Chambers Interim Water Treatment System

Beginning in June, TCPUD will reactivate the interim water treatment system serving the McKinney area. This system augments the well supply serving this region. TCPUD will continue to evaluate potential permanent solutions. Residents are encouraged to conserve water, especially during peak use times of the summer months. ■

Dogs on the Beach

Most of the public beaches at Lake Tahoe prohibit dogs. The various agencies that own public lands have different regulations. TCPUD operates beaches for Placer County and California State Parks. These agencies prohibit dogs on their beaches.

TCPUD would like to remind dog owners of the reasons behind these regulations, which include:

- Public safety
- Protection of Lake Tahoe’s water quality
- Protection of wildlife

Please keep your dog leashed on our trails and in our parks where they are allowed.

The only beach within TCPUD’s boundaries that allows dogs is located 1/2 mile south of Tahoe City and is operated by the United States Forest Service. Dogs must be leashed and dog owners are strongly encouraged to clean up after their dogs. ■