



TCPUD

QUARTERLY

NEWS

A Report to Our Community

July 2007

Summer is Here!

After a great success last year, the Concerts at Commons Beach are back for a second season. Voted 2006 Best Community Event by locals, this year's line up will be the best lake-side entertainment you can find. Concerts are FREE, every Sunday, 4pm-7pm, and fun for the whole family!

- June 24 **The Blues Monsters**
w/ North Tahoe High Jazz Ensemble
- July 1 **New Monsoon** www.newmonsoon.com
w/ Frame of Mind
- July 8 **On The One** www.ontheonemusic.com
w/ Absynth
- July 15 **Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers**
www.themightyflyers.com w/ Dan Copland
- July 22 **Albino!** www.albinoband.com
w/ Peter Burt
- July 29 **Chris Cain Band** www.chriscain.cc
w/ The Beer Gardeners
- Aug 5 **Mumbo Gumbo** w/ Rusty Strings
- Aug 12 **Devon Allman's Honeytribe**
w/ Johnny Bias & Chuck Dunn
- Aug 19 **Sol Jibe** w/ Emily Tessmer
- Aug 26 **Roy Rogers & the Delta Rhythm Kings**
www.roy-rogers.com w/ Hellbound Glory
- Sept 2 **Commander Cody Band**
w/ The Jeff Jones Band
- Sept 9 **The Trey Stone Band** w/ Leroy
Brownstone & Johnny Fingers

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LANDSCAPING WITH LESS

The TCPUD is beginning its first phase of installation of water meters. Now is the perfect time to think about water conservation, and one place to look is outside your house. Did you know that in California over half of residential water is used for watering landscaping and lawns? While it may not be that high at Tahoe, there are measures you can take to reduce your outdoor water use.

- **Time of Day** – Water lawns and gardens during early morning or late evening when temperatures and wind are lowest, reducing water loss from evaporation.
- **Maintain Sprinklers & Hoses** – Check your irrigation system regularly to be sure it is operating correctly. Broken sprinkler heads don't put water where it's needed and can waste hundreds of gallons. Make sure hoses are in good condition, a leaky hose can waste a lot of water.
- **Check Position of Sprinklers** – Be sure sprinklers are only watering your garden and lawn, not the sidewalk, driveway or your house!
- **Install a Micro/Drip Irrigation System** – These systems use low-water-volume irrigation components (under 20 gallons per hour), at low pressure (under 25 psi) to deliver a precise amount of water to the root zone of

plants. These systems can be tailored effectively to individual plant and garden needs. During even the most stringent water conservation measures, micro and drip irrigation systems can be used to water flowers, trees, shrubs and vegetables. (<http://www.crd.bc.ca/water/conservation/outdoorwateruse/outdoorsavingtips.htm>)

- **Xeriscape** – To save the most water consider Xeriscape, conserving water through resourceful landscaping. You can reduce landscape water use by 60% or more by following these seven principals of Xeriscaping:

1. **Plan and design** for water conservation and beauty from the start.
2. **Create practical turf areas** of manageable sizes and appropriate grasses.
3. **Select low-water plants** and group plants of similar water needs together. Experiment to determine how much and how often to water. Consider using native species, as they require less water and maintenance.
4. **Use soil amendments** like compost or manure appropriate to the site and the type of plants used.
5. **Use mulches** such as woodchips, to reduce evaporation and keep soil cool.
6. **Irrigate efficiently** with properly designed systems (including hose-end equipment) and by applying the right amount of water at the right time.

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New Water System Polices

The Tahoe City Public Utility District has adopted new water system policy procedures regarding private water companies within the Districts boundary. These deal with **Water System Acquisitions and Water Service Provided to Private Water Companies.**

- **Water System Acquisition Policy** provides steps to be taken when the District may be acquiring a new water system. Over the past 30 years TCPUD has acquired six private water systems including Quail Lake Water Company and Meeks Bay Vista Mutual Water. The old policy addressed one scenario for acquiring water systems, while the new policy addresses three different scenarios.

The first scenario is when a private water company lets the TCPUD know that they are interested in selling their system.

Second is when private water company customers are dissatisfied with their current water purveyor and request that their water system be taken over by the District.

The third scenario is when the District makes a determination that *public interest and necessity* dictate that it should begin proceedings to use eminent domain. Although condemnation is not something the TCPUD Board desires to do, it has adopted this policy so that there can be consistency and clarity in the process.

- **Water Service Provided to Private Water Companies.** This policy outlines specific steps for the District to consider in water sales to private companies.

For more information contact Bob Lourey, General Manager, 530-583-3796.

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Landscaping With Less

7. Maintain landscaping properly by mowing, weeding, pruning and fertilizing correctly.

Talk to your local nursery or landscape company to see if Xeriscaping can help you save water, or visit

<http://www.xeriscape.org> for more information.



Meet the New Faces at TCPUD

TCPUD welcomes three new employees to our District ...

- **Mike Abarno, Parks Field Supervisor**

Mike recently joined our team as full-time Parks Field Supervisor. He worked as a seasonal employee for the TCPUD for three seasons 10 years ago before going to work in the hospitality industry. Mike has lived in the area for 17 years and currently lives in Truckee with his wife Heidi and two daughters Isabella and Lilah.

- **Cory Allison, Administrative Assistant**

Cory recently moved from a seasonal position to a full-time position in the General & Administrative Department. She grew up on the West Shore and recently moved back after graduating from Humboldt State University with a degree in Environmental Science. She and her husband Wes now live in Tahoma.

- **Zane Cole, Recreation Coordinator**

Zane joins us after five years as Athletic Director for The Boys & Girls Club of Western Nevada. He recently received his AA degree and is working towards his BA in Secondary Education. Zane lives in Carson City with his wife Jaimi and their two young sons, Aaron and Gray.

More Summer Fun at the Beach!

Another popular summer event is Movies at the Beach. Wednesday evening bring your lawn chairs and a blanket and watch movies under the stars. The movies start at dusk and are FREE! Great family fun!

- June 27 **Eragon** / PG
- July 11 **Charlotte's Web** / G
- July 18 **Big Fat Liar** / PG
- July 25 **Monster House** / PG
- Aug 1 **Happy Feet** / PG
- Aug 8 **RV** / PG
- Aug 15 **Flushed Away** / PG
- Aug 22 **Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind** / PG
- Sept 1 **Ghost Busters** / PG

Summer Activities at Rideout Community Center

Art Express

Session 1: June 25 - 29 (7- 9 yrs)
 Session 2: Aug 13 -17 (2-12 yrs)
 9am - Noon
 \$125 / \$120 (Res) per session

Group Guitar Lessons

8 years and older. Must have own guitar.
 Session 1: Tuesdays: June 26, July 10, 17, 24
 4pm - 5pm
 Session 2: Tuesdays: July 31, Aug 7, 14, 21
 9:30am - 10:30am
 \$70 / \$60 (Res) per session

Coming this Fall... Music Together

Tuesdays: Sept 18 - Nov 20
 4pm - 4:45pm and 5:15pm - 6pm
 \$165 includes all materials