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A Report to Our Community

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Lake Forest Boat Ramp Update

The Lake Forest Boat Ramp is open with new hours, summer parking passes, and TRPA inspectors.

TRPA's mandatory boating inspections, aimed at keeping invasive species out of Lake Tahoe, have begun. TCPUD and Tahoe Resource Conversation District staff will be on hand to inspect your boats Monday thru Thursday, from 5am to 8pm, and Friday thru Sunday, from 5am to 11pm, thru September 7th. TRPA inspection fees are based on the size of the boat, averaging \$30, and are in addition to parking fees. For a complete explanation of TRPA's Boat Inspection fees visit www.trpa.org, or call 1-888-TAHOANS.

TCPUD one-day parking fees are still \$10. A Summer (3 months) Parking Pass is available for \$140, and a Rest-of-the-Year "Annual" Pass is available for \$195.

For additional information on TCPUD's parking fees, hours of operation, or to inquire about seasonal parking passes call 530-583-3796 x33, or visit www.tahoecitypod.com.

Lake Forest Boat Ramp – New Hours & Fees

HOURS OF OPERATION	June 5th thru September 7th	Mon - Thurs	5am - 8pm
		Fri - Sun	5am - 11 pm
PARKING FEES	September 8th thru October 1st	Daily	6am - 8pm
	October 2nd thru May 23rd	Daily	6am - 4pm
	One Day Parking Fee	\$	10.00
	Summer Parking Pass (6/5 - 9/07/09)	\$	140.00
	Annual Parking Pass (6/5 - 12/31/09)	\$	195.00

STATE BUDGET CRISIS COULD EFFECT TAHOE CITY PUD

As we prepare our 3rd quarter TCPUD newsletter the State of California's struggle with its annual budget, and their contemplation of borrowing Property Tax revenue from local agencies, is widely in the news. The State's borrowing of Property Tax revenue from local agencies is not a new concern. In 2004 through 2006 the State took \$181,078 in property tax revenue from the TCPUD to help balance its budget. Following this "property tax grab" Proposition 1A was passed limiting the State's ability to only borrow a specific portion of Property Tax revenue from local agencies and requiring that it be repaid in 3 years.

Understanding the likelihood of the State borrowing Property Tax revenue from the District this year, we have proactively identified cost saving measures to help offset the potential loss of revenue in 2009. However, as of this writing the magnitude of the State's budget situation is unknown and clearly there is the possibility of further impacts. Additional revenue losses may affect the District's ability to deliver local services. We will work to minimize these impacts while meeting our commitments to you our tax and ratepayers.

As further information on the State's Budget becomes available we will post it on the District's web site, www.tahoecitypod.com.

Fine-Tune Your Irrigation System: Save Water & Money, & Get Great Results, too!

Residential irrigation systems offer convenience in protecting your landscape investment. Enjoy your yard, keep

it healthy and beautiful while you water efficiently, and save time and money.

With some simple practices and new technology, existing irrigation systems can be made more efficient, lowering your water bill, reducing run-off, and eliminating waste. Waterwise habits will result in a healthier lawn and landscaping, in addition to conserving water.

The Irrigation Association

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Summer Activities at Rideout Community Center – All this for \$2!

Billiards, X-Box, Air Hockey and Foosball, Exercise Studio, Toddlers “Cubby Play House” and Wi-Fi Computer Lab are all available at the Rideout Community Center for only \$2/person for the entire day! That’s right, from 8am to 9pm, Monday thru Friday, and 9am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday, you can drop in to “The Lounge” for all these activities and more for just \$2! In addition, Youth Open Gym/Free Play and Adult Open Gym Basketball are available throughout the week. For a complete listing of all our summer activities go to www.tahoecitypud.com.

Ghost of Mark Twain

Don’t miss the “Ghost of Mark Twain” with McAvoy Lane at the Ehrman Mansion, Sugar Pine Point State Park, August 13th, at 6:30pm sharp.

The TCPUD and the West Shore Association are once again sponsoring this incredible fun evening of history. Parking, is free, as is the show.

Donations will be gratefully accepted.

McAvoy Lane CDs, '60 Olympic Opening Day Posters, and Olympic X-Country commemorative pins will be available for sale by the West Shore Association.

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Fine Tune Your Irrigation System

offers these water-saving tips to maintain and update automatic irrigation systems:

1. Adapt your water schedule to the weather & the season

Familiarize yourself with the settings on your irrigation controller. Adjust the water schedule regularly to conform with current weather conditions.

2. Schedule each individual zone in your irrigation system

“Scheduling” accounts for the type of sprinkler, sun or shade exposure, and soil type for the specific area. The same water schedule should almost never apply to all zones in the system.

3. Inspect your system monthly

Check for leaks, broken or clogged heads, and other problems, or engage an irrigation professional to regularly check your system.

4. Adjust sprinkler heads

Correct obstructions that prevent even water distribution. Keep water off pavement, sidewalks and structures.

5. Consider “smart” technology

Climate/soil moisture sensor-based controllers evaluate weather/soil moisture conditions calculating and automatically adjusting the irrigation schedule to meet the specific needs of your landscape.

6. Install a rain shutoff switch ... inexpensive and effective

Money-saving sensors turn off your system in rainy weather and help compensate for natural rainfall.

7. Consider low volume drip irrigation
Install micro-irrigation for gardens, trees, and shrubs which includes drip, micro spray jets, micro sprinklers, or bubble irrigation to irrigate slowly, minimize evaporation, runoff, overspray.

8. Water at the optimum time

Water when the sun is low or down, winds are calm, and the temperatures are cool –

between the evening and early morning – to reduce evaporation. You can lose as much as 30% of water to evaporation by watering mid-day.

9. Water only when needed

Saturate root zones and let the soil dry. Watering too much and too frequently results in shallow roots, weed growth, disease and fungus.

The best advice for a healthy, drought and stress-tolerant lawn and landscape: Use less water! These tips will help keep more money in your wallet instead of sending it down the drain.

Tahoe City Summer

TCPUD and the Tahoe City Downtown Association (TCDA) have once again partnered to provide a number of events and programs in downtown Tahoe City at Commons Beach.

These family-fun events are FREE!

SUNDAYS

Concerts at Commons Beach / 4pm - 7pm – Pack your picnic and low back chairs Sundays, thru September 6th, and be entertained by local and regional touring musical artists at this beautiful lakeside venue. Donations welcomed!

WEDNESDAYS

Movies at the Beach / at Dusk – Bring your blankets and movie snacks for a fun filled evening of family movies.

THURSDAYS

Foothill Farmer's Market / 8am -1pm – The Farmers Market with a view! Enjoy fresh fruits and veggies, fresh fish, organic meats, other specialty food, and crafts.

Go to www.visittahoecity.com for details and information on more downtown Tahoe City events and activities.

63rd Annual 4th of July Fireworks

Bring a blanket, low back chairs, and picnic to Commons Beach, Saturday, July 4th for the 63rd annual Tahoe City fireworks. Donations, sponsorships and the money collected at the Tahoe City Fire Station – watch for the fire boot – are the event's only source of funding, so pitch in, dig deep, and make a big donation.

