



TCPUD

QUARTERLY

NEWS

A Report to Our Community

July 2011

New Tahoe City Dog Park Now Open!

Attention dog lovers! There's a new place in town to take your dog – the Tahoe City Dog Park! The Humane Society of Truckee Tahoe, Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe, Kiwanis Club of North Lake Tahoe, local community members and TCPUD have teamed up to create a fun, safe, contained place for dogs to exercise and socialize in Tahoe City. **This park was made possible entirely through private and non-profit funding.**

Locals and visitors now have a leash-free place in downtown Tahoe City to take their dog. The Tahoe City Dog Park is conveniently located on Grove Street just off North Lake Boulevard (Hwy 28) behind Fat Cat Cafe and below Connors Field. (Please refer to the map on the website at www.tahoecitypud.com) The Dog Park will be open from dawn to dusk, Thursdays through Tuesdays. On Wednesdays it will be open from Noon to Dusk. Please follow the posted Dog Park Rules and Dog Park Etiquette.

Tahoe City Dog Park celebrated a Grand Opening event on June 16. TCPUD will be hosting other special Dog Park events for the community, so stay tuned!



TCPUD Mission: To serve the people, our community, and its environment by providing safe and reliable water and sewer service for the protection of public health, and parks and recreation services to enhance quality of life.

Conserve Water – We All Benefit

BENEFITS OF WATER CONSERVATION:

- Saves money
- Protects drinking water resources
- Reduces the need for costly water supply and wastewater treatment facilities
- Saves energy used to pump, heat, and treat water
- Helps maintain our natural resources

EASY WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER:

Rethink the way you use water both indoors and outdoors!

- Turn the water off while brushing your teeth or shaving
- Limit your showers to 5 minutes or less
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes
- Water your garden in the evening or morning when it is cooler to prevent rapid evaporation during the heat of the day
- Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios, not your hose
- Check for water leaks

TCPUD CAN HELP YOU CONSERVE:

- TCPUD has a water conservation cash rebate program. Full details are on the website at www.tahoecitypud.com.
- Home and water surveys are available, call for an appointment.
- TCPUD is offering FREE 5-minute shower timers. You can pick one up at the main office or call 530-583-3796, x32.
- To save water, TCPUD encourages you to plant native vegetation instead of foreign species. Visit the TCPUD's Conservation Demonstration Garden at the main office, 221 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City for native species planting ideas.

Call the TCPUD Water Conservation Line, 530-583-3796, x32 for more info.

Lake Forest Boat Ramp, Hours & Fees

Open daily

- Monday - Thursday 5am - 9pm
- Friday - Sunday 5am - 11pm

Launch Fees

- One Time \$ 10
- Summer Pass – District Resident \$160*
- Summer Pass – CA Resident \$225*
- Annual Pass – District Resident \$220
- Annual Pass – CA Resident \$310

*Summer Passes are valid May 15 through Sept 30, 2011. District Residents must reside or own property within the TCPUD service area.

Note: TCPUD launch fees are in addition to TRPA fees for mandatory inspection of vessels entering Lake Tahoe. TRPA inspections are off-site, not at the boat ramp. For info call TRPA at 775-588-4547, or visit www.trpa.org.

TCPUD Boat Ramp Passes are available at Rideout Community Center, 740 Timberland Lane, Tahoe City. Call 530-583-3440, x10 for more info.

Senator Dianne Feinstein to Host 2011 Lake Tahoe Summit

In its 15th year the annual Summit brings together Federal, State and local officials to focus on science, research and the necessary funding to improve and protect Lake Tahoe's incredible environment. This year's Summit will be held August 16, at Homewood Mountain Resort north base area, and is scheduled to begin 9:30am and last until Noon. There will be educational booths, children's activities and speakers on a variety of Tahoe environmental topics. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Check the PUD website for updated information www.tahoecitypud.com.

Community Input

TCPUD is *your* District and your input and participation are valuable. One way to be involved is to attend Board and committee meetings. TCPUD Board meets monthly and provides online viewing of board meetings. For a schedule of upcoming meetings or to view the board meeting online, please visit www.tahoecitypud.com.

TCPUD Team Changes

• **KELLI TWOMEY** joins the District as Director of Resource Development and Community



Relations. Kelli is responsible for community outreach and obtaining funding for District projects as well as overall project management. Kelli is a

20-year resident of North Lake Tahoe and lives with her family in Homewood.

• **JEFF MCCOLLUM** joins the Utilities



Department as Operations Specialist. He works in the field maintaining District sewer and water systems. Jeff brings over 30 years of

experience in construction and operations to his new role.

• **GINGER CHARLTON** plans to retire this summer after almost six years as District Clerk. Ginger will be sorely missed but the good news is she won't be far away. She plans to stay in Tahoe and travel to see her grandkids as much as possible. • TCPUD is pleased to announce **TERRI VIEHMANN** has joined our team as the new District Clerk.

Family-Friendly Tahoe City Summer Events at Commons Beach

• **FARMERS MARKET** – 8am - Noon Thursdays thru October 13th Closing time of the market has been adjusted to help resolve parking issues.

• **MOVIES AT THE PARK** – begin at Dusk Wednesday nights thru August 24th Enjoy a lakeside picnic before showtime.

• **CONCERTS AT COMMONS BEACH** – 4pm - 7pm, Sundays thru Sept 4th.

For lists of movies and bands visit our website at www.tahoecitypud.com.

Bike Trail News

• LAKESIDE TRAIL

Very soon our community will enjoy a beautiful lakeside trail through downtown Tahoe City. Work on the final sections of Lakeside Trail Phases V, VI and VII are underway. Phase VII, east of Safeway and closest to the State Park campground is nearly complete and construction will begin after Labor Day on the next section of trail by Lighthouse Center and Boatworks Mall.

Construction of all sections is scheduled for completion Fall 2012. The District is grateful for funding provided by our partners, California Tahoe Conservancy, North Lake Tahoe Resort Association and Placer County.

• TRAIL UP-KEEP

A special thanks to local contractors Matty Daniels of Tahoe Marine Excavating and Stuart Gensberg of Gensberg & Sons for volunteering their snow removal services for trail clearing. Following the massive snowfall this winter, TCPUD was faced with clearing up to 20 feet of snow in some places, a daunting task but important for our community. Additional snow removal in preparation for AMGEN events was made possible with funding from Placer County and the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association.

• HOMEWOOD TRAIL

TCPUD thanks community members who attended the Homewood Trail Open House on June 21. The input shared for this important project was invaluable. A presentation on the project was made to the TCPUD Board of Directors and additional public input was taken.

The Homewood Trail provides a critical "missing link" in the 19-mile trail system and will provide a safe, non-vehicular travel route. Construction could begin as early as 2012 if funding is secured. TCPUD hopes to coordinate this project with the Caltrans State Route 89 Roadway and Rehabilitation and Water Quality Improvement Project.

For more info call Kelli Twomey at 530-583-3796, x21, or email ktwomey@tcpud.org.