



# TCPUD

## QUARTERLY

# NEWS

75 Years of Service 1938-2013

A Report to Our Community

July 2013

## TCPUD: Formed by the People – for the People – Celebrating 75 Years!

75 years ago, back in 1938, a group of townspeople met in Bill Vernon's home on Pioneer Drive and determined to take control of their water from the private individuals who owned it. They met with Attorney T.L. Chamberlain of Auburn and decided to create a public utility district. In just 19 days they were able to organize and hold an election. On December 12, 1938, 52 votes were cast, 45 in favor and seven opposed, and so TCPUD was formed. The first local government based within the Tahoe Basin, TCPUD has continued to respond to the community's needs and priorities for 75 years. The Board and staff are privileged to continue to serve the community today, maintaining the legacy that our founding citizens first envisioned.

In honor of TCPUD's 75th anniversary and Tahoe City's 150th anniversary, we're partnering with the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society and hosting a community reception and dinner at the Gatekeepers Museum on Saturday, 8/31. The reception starts at 4pm with a catered dinner at 5:30pm, followed by a lineup of great speakers to share Tahoe City's and TCPUD's unique history. (See more information in insert.)



## Water Conservation – Saves you Money and Protects a Natural Resource

According to the CA Department of Water Resources, January - April of 2013 was the driest of any year on record for that period, exceeding the previous low in 1977. With this in mind, it is especially important to think about water conservation. Plus, if you're a TCPUD water customer, you're billed based on your consumption so you'll save money by using less water!

The simplest way to conserve water is to rethink the way you use it; especially outdoors!

- Water your garden in the evening or morning when it is cooler to prevent rapid evaporation during the heat of the day
- Inspect irrigation lines and valves for breaks and/or leaks
- Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios – not your hose
- Check for water leaks
- Turn off the water when you're brushing your teeth
- Take a shower instead of a bath and limit your shower to 5 minutes or less
- Landscape with native plants instead of lawns

Keep in mind, outdoor watering uses the greatest amount of water so if you control this, you'll use less water and lower your water bills considerably.

### *Protecting Your Family's Health*

There is a great deal of misconception about what is okay to put down your sewer system so we have included a few tips on how to protect your home and your health. Flushing the wrong thing down the toilet damages your household plumbing, your environment and the wastewater treatment system. Watch what you put down the kitchen drain and toilet, and you will save money, time and help the environment.

Basically, only domestic waste from sinks, showers, toilets, laundry facilities and dishwashers should be put into the sewer system. If it isn't biodegradable, put it in the trash, not the toilet.

### *Key items you DONT want to put down your toilet:*

- "Flushable" wipes and paper towels – they don't disintegrate!
- Cotton swabs and cotton balls
- Feminine hygiene products

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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.

## Protecting Your Family's Health

- Vitamins or medicines
- Condoms
- Dental floss – it isn't biodegradable, it easily snags on rough pipes, clogging your system.

## Water Quality

TCPUD provides you with the highest quality drinking water possible. It meets and exceeds all state and federal water quality regulations. Annually we produce a Consumer Confidence Report to share the results of our water quality testing. To learn more about the quality of your drinking water and to view the TCPUD's 2012 Consumer Confidence Report please visit [www.tahoecitypud.com/ccr/2012.pdf](http://www.tahoecitypud.com/ccr/2012.pdf)

A paper copy of the 2012 Consumer Confidence Report can be sent to your mailing address, or to speak with someone about the report, please call 530-583-3796, x30.

## TCPUD Staff News ...

### Continuous Growth & Improvement

The team at TCPUD is committed to continuous growth and improvement so we can provide outstanding customer service. Our employees are encouraged and supported to further develop their skills and expertise. Here are two recent examples of our staff's continued development:

- In May, Human Resources Administrator, Michelle Martland was awarded a Professional in Human Resources (PHR) certification. This certification involves an 11 week training session and a rigorous 4 hour exam in the field of Human Resources.
- After 12 years as the Senior Accountant, Deb Rose retired in March 2013. The District promoted Cirra Mason to Accountant I based on her competency and strong aptitude.

Congratulations to both of these outstanding employees.

## 2013 Farmers Market

Every Thursday through the end of September, from 8am-1pm

### LOCATIONS:

- Now through 8/15 at Tahoe Lake Elementary School, 375 Grove St, behind Fat Cat Cafe.
- 8/22 through 9/26 at Commons Beach

## Time to Get out on the Lake! New Kayak/Paddleboard Concession Opens at Commons Beach for 2013

TCPUD is excited to announce a new service at Commons Beach in Tahoe City: kayak and paddleboard rentals and tours. TCPUD solicited proposals for a concessionaire and received interest from four well-qualified local firms.

Tahoe City Kayak was awarded the concession contract based on their proposal, their experience, health and safety protocols, operating plan and references.

Tahoe City Kayak is open 9:30am-5pm daily, providing kayak and paddleboard rentals as well as guided tours and lessons. Popular programs include the Sunset Kayak Tour (starts 2 hours before sunset), Historic West Shore Tour (9am - 11:30am), "Get Up Stand Up" Intro to Paddleboarding (8am - 9am), and Lakeside Brunch Tour (9am - 1pm).

While this is a new contract, kayak concessions have existed at Commons Beach in the past. Concessions support the TCPUD's goal of providing high quality recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. This welcomed service to the community will provide additional public safety, and revenues will offset operating costs and reduce current tax subsidies for maintenance.

For more info contact 530-581-4336, or visit [www.tahoecitykayak.com](http://www.tahoecitykayak.com).

## News from the Tahoe City Golf Course

What's new?

- **Bocce Ball!** A new bocce ball court opened recently and offers a great amenity for the non-golfer.
- **The TC150 weekly pass!** This new pass offers 7 days of UNLIMITED GOLF with 2 meals and it is only \$150.

What's happening?

- **The Bar and Grill:** open 7 days a week for Breakfast and Lunch, 8am - 4pm, the bar remains open for afternoon golfers
- **Junior Clinics:** Tuesdays, 5pm
- **Wednesday Night Scramble,** 5pm
- **Ladies Clinic:** Thursdays, 5pm, \$20, includes 3 holes of golf and a glass of wine!

For more info call 530-583-1516, or visit [www.playtcgc.com](http://www.playtcgc.com).

## Lake Forest Boat Ramp Update

- Summer hours, from 5am to 7pm daily
- New, one-way directional devices installed to allow exit after 7pm
- One time launch rates, \$15 for CA residents
- Summer passes, \$275 for CA residents

**Remember... all vessels must receive a mandatory inspection prior to launching.**

Watercraft are the largest source for spreading aquatic invasive species (AIS) into new waterways. Mandatory inspections are an essential part of preventing the inadvertent transport of alien species into the Lake. Please do your part to protect the Lake Tahoe.

## Get more involved in your utility district!

Attending our monthly public meetings is a great way to learn firsthand what the TCPUD does for our community. TCPUD committee meetings are held every month as well as the monthly Board of Directors meeting. Committees include: Finance, Sewer and Water, and Parks and Recreation. The meetings schedule is posted at [www.tahoecitypud.com](http://www.tahoecitypud.com). If you'd like to receive email meeting notifications, please contact Jess at 530-583-3796, x10.

Interested in attending the Board Meetings but can't make it in person? No worries! All Board of Directors meetings can be viewed online via live streaming. Just log onto [www.tahoecitypud.com](http://www.tahoecitypud.com) and watch the meeting at your own convenience.

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

- Friday, July 19 at 8:30am
- Friday, August 16 at 8:30am
- Friday, September 20 at 8:30am

## Lakeside Trail Honored

It's been a year since the beautiful Tahoe City Lakeside Trail was completed and opened. We hope you are enjoying this new section of trail with its access to Lake Tahoe. The TCPUD and its project partners have received numerous awards for the trail design. The recent awards include:

- TRPA's Best of Basin
- California Trails & Greenways Conference Merit Award for Development
- California Parks & Recreation Society 2012 Award of Excellence, Park Planning Specialty
- American Council on Civil Engineering Merit Award





**75** Years of Service  
1938 - 2013

## Tahoe City Public Utility District

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### Who to Call?

We are often asked who to call for a variety of community and utility services. Below is a handy guide of who to call depending on your needs:

TCPUD is proud to provide water and sewer services, and parks and recreation to our community.

- **Building Department:**  
Placer County 530-581-6240  
El Dorado County 530-621-5315
- **Electricity:**  
Liberty Energy 800-782-2506
- **Natural Gas:**  
Southwest Gas 877-860-6020
- **Garbage Disposal:**  
Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal  
530-583-0148
- **Propane:**  
Amerigas Propane 530-587-3578  
Suburban Propane 530-583-2386
- **Sewage Collection:**  
Tahoe City Public Utility District  
530-583-3796
- **Sewage Treatment:**  
Tahoe Truckee Sanitation Agency  
530-587-2525
- **Water:**  
Check your bill to confirm who your water provider is.

### TCPUD History Trivia

Can you name the first TCPUD Board members?

Joe Henry, Ernest Pomin and Bill Vernon

## Learn more about TCPUD's history:

### Tahoe City Public Utility District Historical Timeline

- 1938 TCPUD founded, the first local government located within Tahoe Basin
- 1939 TCPUD acquires Tahoe City water system from private owners
- 1940 TCPUD establishes volunteer fire department
- 1947 TCPUD begins maintenance of Commons Beach and starts street lighting
- 1949 Placer County appoints TCPUD agent of Commons Beach
- 1952 Tahoe City sewer system complete
- 1957 Board of Directors expanded from 3 members to 5 members
- 1963 Residents voted for a tax rate to care for Commons Beach
- 1964 The land of Lake Forest, Dollar Point and the Highlands annexed into TCPUD
- 1969 Residents complete survey – support recreation services beginning
- 1972 Sewer collection system completed throughout TCPUD boundaries
- 1973 Bike Trail system begins
- 1973 TCPUD acquires Rubicon Water System
- 1978 Tahoe Truckee Sanitation Agency begins service
- 1986 Tahoe City Boardwalk completed
- 1993 TCPUD acquires Quail Lake Water System
- 1994 TCPUD builds administrative center
- 2000 Tahoe City sidewalks completed
- 2003 Commons Beach Beautification project completed
- 2006 Truckee River/Lake Tahoe Outlet completed
- 2006 Free Concerts at Commons Beach series begins
- 2007 Heritage Plaza completed
- 2008 TCPUD constructs first major new sewer facility since the '70's (Harbor Master Pump Station)
- 2008 Rideout Community Center opens
- 2012 TCPUD and other public partners acquire the Tahoe City Golf Course
- 2012 TCPUD acquires and rebuilds Lake Forest Water System
- 2012 Tahoe City Lakeside Trail is completed

## Save these dates & celebrate!

It's time to celebrate – not only is the TCPUD turning 75 but Tahoe City is celebrating its 150th anniversary – TC150. There is a wide range of celebratory events and activities planned this Labor Day weekend to kick off the fun. Save the dates! Join the community festivities...

**Friday, 8/30:** Lake Tahoe Dam 100th Anniversary event, 1pm

Tahoe City Rotary Club hosts TC150 Opening Reception at Watson Cabin / Heritage Plaza

**Saturday 8/31:** TCPUD and North Lake Tahoe Historical Society host TC150 and TCPUD's 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner at Gatekeepers Museum, 4pm

During the day there will be Walking Tours and other fun activities in downtown Tahoe City

**Sunday, 9/1:** Commons Beach activities all day ...

Tahoe XC hosts Pancake Breakfast

Family friendly games and activities throughout the day

Town Photo right before the concert, 2pm

Free Concert at Commons Beach

**Monday, 9/2:** Labor Day Weekend Celebration concludes with

A Cruise with Mark Twain on the Tahoe Gal, 4pm

For a full schedule of events, times and locations, visit [www.TahoeCity150.com](http://www.TahoeCity150.com)

