



TCPUD

QUARTERLY

NEWS

A Report to Our Community

October 2010

FALL RECREATION EVENTS

TCDA Annual Cobblestone

Oktoberfest – Saturday, Oct 9th, 1pm-4pm, Cobblestone Shopping Center, Tahoe City. Live music, pumpkin painting, apple bobbing, New Belgium Brews, wines from Uncorked Tahoe City, German food from Evergreen.

TCPUD Harvest Festival – Saturday, October 16th, 10am-2pm, Rideout Community Center. Pony rides, hayrides, pumpkin patch, arts and crafts, games, food, and more. Free admission. Fees apply for activities and refreshments. Volunteers needed to help!!

Tahoe City Town Trick or Treat – Sunday, October 31st, 4pm-6pm. Free admission. Sponsored by TCPUD, Tahoe City Downtown Association, and participating businesses which will be passing out candy and treats.

TCPUD Holiday Craft Bazaar –

Saturday, November 20th, 10am-3pm, Rideout Community Center. Free admission. Featuring local crafters from the Tahoe-Truckee area will be selling their seasonal gifts and treasures. Vendors can reserve booths for a small fee that helps support afterschool recreation programs.

TCPUD Budget Planning ... Your Input Is Important!

The Tahoe City Public Utility District operates on a calendar year budget schedule from January 1st to December 31st. Each fall the Board and staff prepare work plans, itemize project priorities, and prepare cost estimates for the following year. A series of public workshops and committee meetings are traditionally planned that lead up to the final budget adoption in November. During these workshops and meetings the Board and staff consider public comments, assess all projected expenditures, and set the goals for the coming year.

Your input is important! These workshops and meetings will be announced on the TCPUD website as they are scheduled. Go to www.tahoecitypud.com. You may also call 530-537-3796 x0, or send an email to jweigel@tcpud.org, to sign up to receive meeting announcements and agendas directly.

NEW! – View TCPUD Board Meetings Online

In a continued effort to provide ongoing communication and transparency to our tax and rate payers, the TCPUD Board of Directors approved funding to begin web-casting TCPUD Board meetings. The software system chosen was developed by Granicus, Inc., and is being used by many other local government agencies. Visit www.tahoecitypud.com, and follow the links to tune in. The public can view the entire Board meeting, or click on an individual agenda item to listen to a specific staff presentation and public and Board discussion.

Please give us your feedback on this system. The TCPUD Board looks forward to your comments.

General Winterization Guidelines

Significant property damage and thousands of gallons of water are wasted every winter by frozen water pipes. Here are some general guidelines to help prevent frozen pipes:

- When unoccupied, shut off water to the house, drain all internal piping
- Never run bleeder lines or dribble small amounts of water from faucets; This violates TCPUD Ordinance 185 which is an enforceable violation.
- Close vents to crawl spaces to avoid drafts
- Locate and stake water shut off box at the street (call for more details)

COMPLETION OF 2010 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – YOUR TAX DOLLARS, RATES & GRANT FUNDING AT WORK



WATER PROJECTS

Five separate projects include the installation of the following:

- 5,000 feet of new water lines
- 20 new fire hydrants (see photo)
- New booster pump station
- New secondary water source through an agreement with the McKinney Water District
- Forest fuels reduction at critical locations
- Installation of BMP's at all sites
- Funding from rates, property taxes, and Federal grants

SEWER PROJECTS

- Installation of new permanent emergency generators at three pump stations
- Forest fuels reduction at critical locations
- Installation of BMP's at all sites

PARKS CONSTRUCTION

- Lakeside Trail Phase VII - Trail segment through California State Recreation Area next to the Lighthouse Center
- Funding entirely from California Tahoe Conservancy grants and the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (Transient Occupancy Tax) funds
- Scheduled for completion July 1, 2011

TCPUD received significant cooperation from California State Parks, the Tahoe Gal, the Lighthouse Shopping Center and Safeway.

IMPROVEMENTS AT RIDEOUT COMMUNITY CENTER

- New playground equipment – funded through State Grant (see photo)
- Repaved parking lot – jointly funded by TTUSD and TCPUD

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY CENTER / TAHOE CROSS COUNTRY SKI AREA

- Remodel decades-old restrooms to provide modernized and accessible facilities
- Funded with State grants and revenues from the ski area operations
- Scheduled for completion November, 2011

TAHOE CITY DOG PARK

- Construction of dog park adjacent to Grove Street parking lot
- Funded through private donations, the Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe, and the Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe
- Scheduled for completion October, 2011

NORTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL UPPER SOFTBALL FIELD

- Installation of new irrigation system
- Funded through property taxes
- Scheduled for completion October, 2011

TRAIL SIGNAGE

- Installation of 24 new wayfinding signs along the trail network
- Funded through a grant from North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (Transient Occupancy Tax) and local property taxes
- Scheduled for completion Spring, 2011

DESIGN BEGINS FOR HOMEWOOD TRAIL

TCPUD is beginning final design for the long-desired Homewood Bicycle Trail "missing link". This project has been the subject of countless community meetings and studies for over 30 years. It is a very challenging section of trail due to the location of the highway and private property interface along the route. Numerous alternatives have been reviewed – all with equally significant challenges. The final design and permitting process will take most of 2011 to complete and will require extensive negotiations with property owners and regulatory agencies. TCPUD will continue to keep the property owners and the public involved as this project progresses through the development process. This project design is funded through grants from the California Tahoe Conservancy and the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association/Placer County Transient Occupancy Tax funds.