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HOLIDAY GALA 2024

With a big storm moving in on December 14 and when Santa sent word that he couldn't make because of the snow storm the Holiday Gala was rescheduled for the next Saturday December 21. With much better weather the Gala was a wonderful success with almost 100 people showing up.



Snow covered benches

Shovel crew Don, Dave, Robin



Cooper Cavasso with
Santa & Mrs. Claus

Waiting for Santa



We would like to thank the Tahoe Cedars Property Owners' Association for putting on the holiday gala. Robin Lewis for organizing the event. Don Lambrecht and Robin Lewis and several community members for the refreshments. Don Lambrecht, Robin Lewis, Ruth Chestnut, Larry Johnson, and Dave Eichenberg for snow removal. Don Lambrecht, Robin Lewis, Finn Fralick & Dave Eichenberg for set up. Robin Lewis and Finn Fralick for decorating the tree. Jeffery Johnson for donation of wood and taking care of the fire pits. Robin Lewis for selling the tree raffle tickets. Robin Lewis for organizing the gifts & Finn Fralick, Audrey Adams & Gianna Borie for helping distribute the gifts. Ed Miller for setting up the fire engine to bring Santa from the North Pole. The Meeks Bay Fire District for bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to the gala. Gary Cox and Kristie Dunning, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Many thanks to our favorite MC, Ed Miller and thank you to everyone coming out to enjoy this wonderful Tahoe Tradition.

SNOWFEST 2025

Annual Winter Festival

CELEBRATING 43 YEARS

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 9, 2025



OPENING DAY: February 26, 11am-1pm because of a request from the California Highway Patrol and traffic issues, the Snowfest Parade will now be stationary floats parked along the former parade route and spectators walk along the sidewalks. There will also be performances and interactive exhibits. It is now called the **Tahoe City SNOWFEST Street Faire.**

There will be vendors at the Penny Bear Park with Snowfest Merchandise and info on non-profits supported by our events.



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2 New Board
Members needed



Neighborhood
Neighbor, Lock your
cars & houses

Presidents MESSAGE

While the snow and rain are falling in Tahoma, I'm working on bands for this summer. The parks lineup will feature some of our favorites and a new band. Please keep an eye out for the schedule on our website.

We have a Board meeting scheduled for March 15 th . If you want to volunteer to help our community, we need your help on the Board and at our events. So, come on down to this meeting to find out more about volunteering. We have too few people doing far too much to support this community. You don't have to be a full-timer to participate.

On my list of improvements in the Park this year is the mosh pit in front of the stage. The leftover pavers would make an ideal dance floor, don't you think? I've been watching all you dancers strut your stuff, so giving you a dance floor is only right. I'm pretty sure everyone knows about the fire threat to our community after Southern Cal was ruined by fire. Number one on the list of significant upgrades is the new water system that will be installed over the next few years. Fresh water and more fire hydrants are part of that plan. We're working with TCPUD on this project and will give you more information in the Tattler as it becomes available.

Don Lambrecht

May 1, 2025 Buoy Reservations will open up on the website TCPOA.org



What's the latest?

On Jan 22 2025, the TRPA Governing Board approved Homewood's Master Plan Revision + Community Access Plan. These documents, as well as the discussion on public record, strengthen's the public's access to Homewood.

The TRPA also approved a permit to construct a gondola to replace Madden Chair. Conditions of that permit guarantee public access to that gondola.

KHP will continue monitoring this project to ensure public access is provided as promised.

Fire Wise Neighborhood

If we become a Fire Wise Neighborhood your fire insurance could come down, 15% if on the California Fair Plan. We need a lead person for our neighborhood. If interested contact Michelle McLean at fire@tahoercd.org or call (530) 543-1501 x114



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THINGS TO DO & ACTIVITIES

Feb 26, 2025 / Wednesday

SNOWFEST Kick off Party

Gar Woods Restaurant

5000 North Lake Blvd, Carnelian Bay, CA

5:00pm-10:00pm

Always a fun time, food, drinks, dancing, music by The Blues Monsters.

Buy Tickets Online for \$50

TICKETS AT THE DOOR \$60

Tickets include: Food, Music, Wet Woodies, Beer, Wine and collector edition beads.

March 1 / Saturday

North Tahoe Firefighters Assoc.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Tahoe City Fire Station

222 Fairway Dr, Tahoe City, CA

7:00am-11:00AM

\$10 per adult \$5 per child (kids under 12)

March 1 / Saturday

TAHOE CITY SNOWFEST STREET FAIRE

Downtown Tahoe City

11:00am-1:00pm **FREE**

March 1 / Saturday

GAR WOOD'S Annual Polar Bear Swim

Gar Woods Restaurant

5000 N Lake Blvd, Carnelian Bay, CA

12:00pm-4:00pm

March 1 / Saturday

SNOWFEST Fireworks w/ the NOMADS

Tahoe City Golf Course,

251 N Lake Blvd, Tahoe City, CA

5:00pm-7:00pm

March 2 / Sunday

TAHOE CITY DOG PULL

Directly behind Pete n Peter's

395 N Lake Blvd, Tahoe City, CA

Hosted by Alpine Power Equip,

benefiting Palisades Avalanche Dogs

11:00am-1:30pm

March 2 / Sunday

SNOWFEST The Great Ski Race

Sponsored by Tahoe City X-Country Center

9:00am This year The Great Ski Race will offer two course choices! The historical 26km (16.2 miles). New for 2025 will be a shorter 10km course that will stay inside Tahoe Cross Country

The theme this year is Masquerade

Register at: www.tahoenordicsar.org or TheGreatSkiRace.com

March 9 / Sunday

RIVER RANCH Snow Sculpture Contest

River Ranch Lodge

2285 River Rd, Tahoe City, CA

12:00pm-4:00pm

Food, fun, live music

Saturdays / On going during winter

Sugar Pine Point SP Snowshoe Tours

Highway 89 just south of Tahoma

11:00am-1:00pm

Day use side: Take the first left after the kiosk and follow the signs to the winter trailhead. **Register at:** https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=510



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WINTER 2025



TCPOA Membership Drive

Our annual membership drive is in progress. We need your help, our association can not survive without community support!! Let your neighbors know, Sign up at tcpoa.org or tcpoatahoma.org

ONLY \$10.00 a month, so cheap to help your community

If you own property in the Tahoe Cedars Tract (which is located within the boundaries of the following streets: First Avenue, Cedar, Tenth Avenue, Pine and Highway 89), you qualify for owner membership, which entitles you to a vote at all general membership meetings and access to our buoy reservation system.

Member Benefits Include:

Online Buoy Reservations (owner members only)

Pier and buoy use at Water's Edge (owner members only)

Coordination with fire and police departments

Spring Cleanup free dumpsters for neighborhood

Tahoma Tattler Quarterly Communication

An organization which represents your interests in the community

Summer concerts and movies in the park at Marie Sluchak Park, Playground, & Theater

Christmas Gala Invite

I don't use the park, beach, buoys or go to the concerts in the park so why should I join? The TCPOA represents the neighborhood in many other ways. One is our cleanup day. When I first moved to Tahoma in the early 1980's it was a dump. Trash everywhere, abandoned cars and tires and building lots not cleaned up (a fire hazard). The roads were dirt and the plowing was substandard. In the past TCPOA has negotiated with county for paved roads and better plow service. The TCPOA has installed many of the fire hydrants in the neighborhood through your membership dues. Currently we have board members involved in Keep Homewood Public and another board member is working with the TCPUD on our new water system going into Tahoma, hoping to help keep the cost down to homeowners. If you like our clean safe neighborhood please consider joining for a low \$120.00 a year, a mere \$10.00 a month. We need your help and support, remember **"It Takes a Village!!"**

Sugar Bear and Snowflake

Now is the Time of the Birth of the Baby Bears. Typically, they are all born between the middle of January and the middle of February.

Here at Tahoe, where about 100 to 150 bears try to den in crawl spaces---and many succeed---some cubs are born while their Mamas are wintering under a house or cabin. Once they are born it is illegal to evict them, obviously and thankfully.

The bear family will not leave the natal den until about mid or late April, so the human family above them has guests---welcome or not---sharing their home for about four months. During that time the bears, with fast growing and curious cubs, can cause a lot of damage to the water pipes, gas lines and heat duct-work etc. This is why the BEAR League preaches endlessly to our local homeowners to Secure Your Crawl Spaces Before a Bear Moves In.

The other downside to newborn cubs under a home is the fact that when they start to emerge in the spring they don't just suddenly come out one day and leave. They have to learn to run fast and climb trees before their Moms take them off into the big, dangerous world. This means the homeowner will have a family of very vulnerable bears right in the yard for several weeks.

The cubs need to practice climbing, learn how to run fast to the nearest tree when Mom tells them to, and stay up high until she calls them back down. Some properties are very safe and comfortable for the bears during this time, others are Not.

There needs to be a good tree very nearby and no dogs who run free in the area.

One year, a resident thought it would be wonderful to have a Mama Bear give birth under her home, so she welcomed her in November without thinking about the safety of the emerging cub in April. She had no close-by tree and her neighbors allowed their aggressive dog to chase wildlife. Within two days after the cub first emerged outside the den, she was killed by the dog.

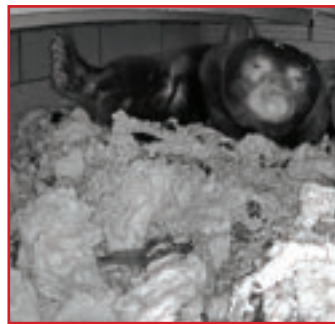
BEAR League's goal is to allow interested, kind and open minded viewers to witness the sweetness and Motherly Love that Bear Mamas share with their cubs, pretty much the same kind of love, protection, tenderness that human Moms have for their little human babies

Go to The BEAR League's facebook page to see footage of Sugar Bear and Snowflake.
www.facebook.com/SaveTahoe-Bears

This is Sugar Bear and her 3 and a half week old cub, Snowflake, under a house at Lake Tahoe on BEAR League has a camera on the den' in order to protect them from harm. We can share some of our live video clips with our followers so you can also appreciate a Mother's Love.... be she a person..or a bear. Anyone who is rude or disrespectful will be blocked.

Introducing Sugar Bear and her three week' old cub, Snowflake. (February 4, 2025).

Source: Facebook, The BEAR League



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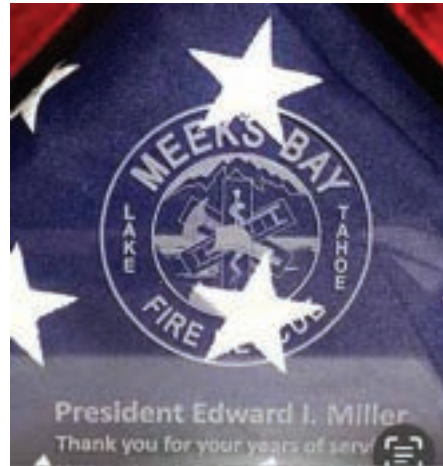
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

December 4, 2024 was the last board meeting for the **Meeks Bay Fire Protection District**. As of January 1, 2025 there is no more Meeks Bay Fire Protection District and the consolidation and annexation with North Tahoe Fire Protection District is in effect. At the last board meeting for the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Ed Miller was honored for his 42 years of service.



Ed Miller and Chief Steve Leighton

This flag that was presented to Ed on December 4, 2024 afternoon, also flew over North Tahoe Fire station 51 in Tahoe City the day of the presentation.



Close up of flag presented to Ed



Thank you
Ed Miller for your
42 years of
service.

TAHOE CEDARS WATER SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

- Replacing 15 Miles of Undersized and Failing Water Mains
- Installing 97 Additional Fire Hydrants
- Installing over 1,000 Residential Water Meters
- Relocating 632 Water Service Lines from Backyards to the Street



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TAHOE CEDARS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 2025 (Draft)

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Don Lambrecht (Don), President; Dave Eichenberg (Dave), Vice President; Trisha Butler (Trisha), Treasurer; Robin Lewis (Robin), Tattler Editor; Derek Taylor (Derek), Board Member; J.J. Johnson (JJ), Board Member

Guests: Greg Schultz, Larry Johnson (volunteer recorder), Ellie Beales (bookkeeping)

Absent: Bob Schultz

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 10:19am

2. Roll Call

- Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

3. Welcome to Guests

- Larry, Ellie Beales and Greg Schultz were welcomed as guests to the meeting.
- "Greg reported that his father (Bob) will be stepping down from his Board position.". Greg expressed an interest to step in for his father on the Board. Don appointed Greg to serve on the Board until he can be voted in by TCPOA Members at the Annual meeting in August 2025.

4. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- Robin moved to approve the October 2024 Board meeting minutes; Dave seconded. All approved; Minutes approved.

5. Discussion / Reports

5.a President's Report/Park - Don

- Don reported the Holiday Gala in December was a success and thanked everyone who helped.
- There continues to be a shortage of volunteers for TCPOA activities and events, and Don requested Board members and other TCPOA members to increase their volunteer assistance.

5.b Treasurer's Report - Trisha

- Trisha presented financial report for the year end 2024 and Budget/Actual summaries for 2022 through 2024 and a proposed budget for 2025.
- Donations were down in 2024, but at year end TCPOA has over \$119K in checking with about \$10K in funds available after allowing for ongoing expenses and reserves.
- Dave suggested the major pier repair work can wait a year or so, but not much longer. J.J. suggested that BJ (local contractor) can help with pier repairs. Dave will reach out to BJ to get input.

- There are funds available to install remaining pavers in front of the stage at the Park in 2025.

- Minor adjustments were made to the proposed budget for 2025 including minor increases for new website maintenance and dues revenue.

- Dave made a motion to approve the 2025 budget with the minor adjustments described above. J.J. seconded the motion. The 2025 budget was unanimously approved.

- Derek requested a checking account transaction report to be generated on a regular basis. Don and Ellie agreed to help Trisha prepare a standard QuickBooks report that could respond to Derek's request.

5.c Tattler Report - Robin

- The next Tattler will be issued in mid-February. Aaron Hussmann (TCPUD's new public information representative) will provide an update for the upcoming Tahoe Cedars Water System Reconstruction Project.

5.d Membership Report - Larry

- Membership at the end of 2024 was approximately 323 members, but membership is still behind the 2023 figures. With the new website up and running TCPOA should be able to increase membership for 2025 with more effective and efficient sign-up process and communication.
- Larry will organize a membership-wide communication email in January reminding members of the membership renewal process.

5.e Buoy Field Report - Don

- The Buoy Committee (Don, Trisha, Robin) need to meet soon to address issues raised by Derek at the last Board meeting and refine the buoy rental process for 2025.
- The goal is to have the new buoy system reservation process ready to go live on **May 1, 2025**.

5.f Park Construction Report - Dave

- As discussed previously, remaining pavers will be used to create a dance surface in front of the stage in 2025.

5.g Website Discussion - Larry

- Larry reported the new website is ready to go live (except for the new buoy reservation system). The membership database is complete and the financial components are ready to launch.

6. Old Business

6.a Operating Guide - Larry

- Larry is working on a draft of the TCPOA Operating Guide designed to provide policies and procedures for operations of TCPOA.
- The first draft of the Operating Guide will include the following sections:
 - Background





TAHOE CEDARS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 2025 (Draft) continued

- Purpose
- Policies and Procedures
- Banking and Accounting
- Board of Directors and Officers
- Committees
- Contracts and Legal Instruments
- Use of TCPOA owned assets
- Proxy Voting
- Larry agreed to have the first draft ready to review at the next Board meeting

6.b Water Project - Larry

- TCPUD is currently in the procurement process of hiring its progressive design-builder for the Tahoe Cedars Water System Reconstruction Project.
- The recent wildfires in Los Angeles underscores the importance of having an up-to-date water system for the Tahoma community. Improving Tahoma's fire protection is one of the key objectives TCPUD has established for the Project.
- Aaron Hussmann (TCPUD's public information representative) will be providing an update on the Project for the February issue of the Tattler.

7. New Business

7.a Board Members - Don

- More Board members are still needed to fill vacant positions. Don asked everyone put out the request in the community to fill the vacancies.

7.b Volunteer Park Committee - Don

- Don needs help managing the Park and various other TCPOA activities. The Operating Guide (described above) will include minimum expectations and dedicated time of Board members so that TCPOA activities are distributed among ALL Board members.
- Word needs to get out to the community that more volunteers are needed to share the workload of the Association.

8. Next Board Meeting

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 15, 2025, at a time and location to be determined.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:59am. (Dave motioned; Robin 2nd)

Meeting minutes prepared by Larry Johnson.

Tahoe Cedars Water System Reconstruction: An Update from the Tahoe City Public Utility District

TCPUD is making progress on this complex project. Right now, we are working on early designs, environmental permitting, and securing the funding we need. This project will involve several construction phases and should take four to five years to complete.

We plan to hire a contractor for the project in early 2025. To make things easier, we are using an approach called Progressive Design-Build. This helps us design and build faster and at a lower cost. It also lets us work closely with the contractor to reach our project goals. While we hope to start construction in 2025, we have not yet determined the project phases or locations.

TCPUD is also working on a Private Service Relocation Policy. This policy addresses properties where water mains are in backyards instead of in the public right of way. We will let affected property owners know when this policy will be reviewed by the TCPUD Board of Directors, likely in mid-2025.

Completed Improvements:

- Replaced failing water mains on 2nd Avenue.

- Installed a connection between the Tahoe Cedars water system and a nearby TCPUD water system. This connection provides a critical backup water supply.

TCPUD will continue to provide regular updates in the Tattler and post project updates at www.tcpud.org/tahoecedars.

New! Expanded Water Rate Assistance Program

More customers now qualify for TCPUD's Water Rate Assistance Program. The TCPUD board has added a second tier of rate assistance for income-eligible customers:

- Tier One: Offers a 50% water rate reduction for customers enrolled in the Liberty Utilities CARE program.
- NEW - Tier Two: Offers a 25% water rate reduction for customers who meet expanded income eligibility criteria. In 2025, eligible customers can reduce your water bill between \$26.64 to \$53.29 per month. Additional requirements apply. Learn more and apply at www.tcpud.org/rate-assistance.

Aaron Hussmann (TCPUD's public information representative)

TCPOA

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Wildlife Shelter, Homewood (530) 546-1211
Board of Supervisors (800) 491-6642
Building Dept, SLT..... (530) 573-3330
CA Highway Patrol, SLT (530) 577-1001
Clean Tahoe Program, SLT... (530) 544-4210
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