2 hurt on West Slope in plane mishap

Two men were hospitalized Wednesday when the plane they were in ran off the runway at Georgetown Airport.

The NTSB and FAA are investigating why the Silvaire Luscombe 8F left the runway about 11:40am Oct. 7.

The names of the injured have not been released. They were taken via ambulance to Sutter Roseville Hospital with moderate injuries.

El Dorado County sheriff's deputies said the plane was found down an embankment.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Competitive video gaming may be next for Nev. bettors

By J.D. Morris, Las Vegas Sun

In Nevada, gamblers can wager on a wide range of sporting events: football, boxing, horse racing and, as of earlier this year, the Olympics, to name a few.

What if video games were added to that list someday?

It's already happening elsewhere, thanks to an explosion in the popularity of the competitive video gaming industry, known as e-sports.

In various places throughout the country and abroad, fans gather en masse to watch video game players compete in high-stakes tournaments. Increasingly, fans also bet on the outcomes.

Read the whole story

Help needed to plant sugar pines

The Sugar Pine Foundation is hoping to plant more than 4,000 sugar pine seedlings progeny of rust resistant parent trees this fall.

Volunteers are needed at the following community plantings:

Oct. 17, 10am-noon – Spooner Lake picnic area
Oct. 18. 11am-1pm – Truckee River Day planting at Tahoe Donner, **register**
Oct. 24, 10am-noon – 7138 Antelope Way, Tahoma
Oct. 25, 10am-noon – 7899 North Ave., Tahoe Vista

Seedlings to plant at individual residences are **on sale** while supplies last.

Safety measures critical with

wood stoves

Lake Tahoe’s fire departments are reminding people that it’s dangerous to dispose of fireplace, wood stove or barbecue ashes in improper containers and locations.

Embers, often concealed in what appears to be cold ashes, can remain hot enough to kindle a fire for several days. It is recommended to wait at least 96 hours and/or four days before disposing ashes.

To safely dispose of ashes:

· Put discarded ashes in a heavy metal container, douse with water, and cover with fitted metal lid.

· Store the container outside and away from structures, decks, fences, wood piles and other combustible materials.

· Never use a vacuum cleaner to pick up ashes.

· Never put ashes in bags or boxes.

· Contact your local trash collection agency for their disposal recommendations after ashes have cooled and embers are out.

Fire officials also say to regularly inspect chimney. Soot and creosote are combustible materials that accumulate inside chimneys and create a dangerous fire hazard unless they are removed.

Last month a **lakeside home in Zephyr Cove** was destroyed by an escaped fire due to a malfunctioning wood burning appliance.

Climate Day of Action coming to S. Lake Tahoe

Tahoe People's Climate Day of Action is Oct. 14.

Tahoe Citizen's Climate Lobby in conjunction with the People's Climate Movement National Day of Action will take a demonstration photo out on the lake that day. Anyone who is concerned with how the lake and community are being impacted by the drought are encouraged to join.

The photo will be taken about 5:30pm at Lakeview Commons in South Lake Tahoe.

For more information, go **online**.

Calif. federal reservoirs continue to evaporate

By Dale Kasler, Sacramento Bee

In the latest indicator of the severity of the drought, the federal government's main reservoirs serving California have begun the new "water year" at just a quarter full and in worse shape than last year.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation said Tuesday that the six key reservoirs of the Central Valley Project were a combined 200,000 acre-feet below the same time last year, a difference of about 6 percent. An acre-foot is 326,000 gallons, or a year's supply for a typical California household.

All told, the reservoirs, including Shasta and Folsom, are just 24 percent full.

Read the whole story

State Parks set to begin prescribed fires

California State Parks is planning prescribed burning in Burton Creek State Park and Sugar Pine Point State Park this fall.

Prescribed burning may begin as soon as Oct. 13.

Goals of the prescribed fire program include restoration of native forest conditions, promotion of forest resilience, and reduction of hazardous fire fuels.

Burns will be conducted during weather conditions predicted to be favorable for smoke rise and dispersal.

Reward offered in church vandalism cases

The FBI is offering reward for the successful prosecution of the person or people responsible for vandalizing churches in Incline Village, Kings Beach and Tahoe City between April 4

and Sept. 14.

One suspect is described as a tall white man with a thin build, and between 18 and 25 years old. He is possibly in possession of red, blue, and yellow spray paint cans, and several fire extinguishers.

The same person(s) is believed to be responsible for the burglary of an Incline Village elementary school, a residential burglary on Marlene Street in Incline Village, and vandalism to an Incline Village judicial court vehicle.

The FBI is offering a reward of up to $5,000.

Anyone with information is asked to call 800.225.5324.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

· TRYP and Silicon Mountain are hosting a joint networking mixer on Oct. 12 from 6-9pm at Pizza On The Hill in Truckee.

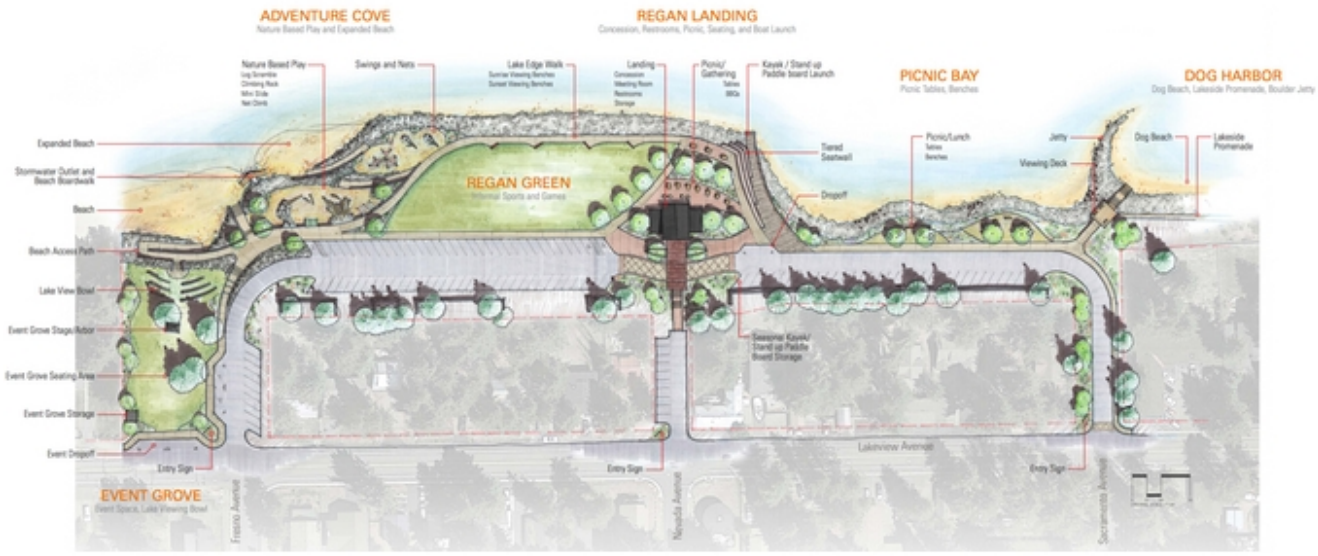
· Rain or shine there will be a free paint drop-off event at Truckee Airport on Oct. 17. For more info, go **online**.

· North Tahoe Business Association is having an open house Oct. 20 from 5:30-7:30pm at North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach to talk about Kings Beach improvements. RSVP by Oct. 16 to email info@northtahoebusiness.org.

· A Liar's Cruise, a fundraiser for Sierra State Parks, is Oct. 11 from 4-6:30pm on the Tahoe Gal. Tickets are $75. For more info, go **online**.

· The 6th annual Community Wellness Day is Oct. 17 from 3:30-8pm at Lake Tahoe Wellness Center in Kings Beach. For more info, go **online**.

Regan Beach evolving into contemporary park



Regan Beach plans call for making it modern and accessible to all abilities. Rendering/Design Workshop

By Kathryn Reed

Putting more beach back into Regan Beach is a goal of many who use this South Lake Tahoe recreation area.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Steve Noll on Oct. 6 went over the latest composite based on feedback at community meetings and through a survey the city conducted. The top amenities or changes people want include:

- Non-motorized boat launch
- Expanded beach
- Jetty
- Adventure play area
- Concession-restrooms
- Picnic area
- Dog beach access
- Multi-use lawn.

“I think we need more beach. People enjoy the water’s edge,” John Cefalu said. He was one of several of the nearly two dozen people at Tuesday’s meeting who voiced a desire for even more beach beyond what the Design Workshop renderings showed.

To accomplish this some of the grass area may have to go away. Already more than 5,000-square-feet of grass may be eliminated.

Other likely changes include eliminating the sand volleyball area, getting rid of the kids swing set and creating something more contemporary called an adventure play area, going from two picnic tables to a potential of 20, upgrading concession stand and bathroom, removing one parking space, adding about 130 linear feet of beach, and adding about 440 linear feet of seating.

One of the biggest changes will be the removal of the 1940’s era bulkhead.

A huge unknown, though, is what was used 70-plus years ago as fill for the beach. Like the Tahoe Keys, this area is manmade. The city will bore into the soil to get samples before any work is done. This will also be necessary before permits are obtained. Depending on what is found, it's possible the fill may have to all be trucked out of the basin and uncontaminated dirt brought to the site.

Back in the day people buried all sorts of things with complete disregard for the environment. The city has found tanks from the old Globin resort while doing work in this area of town. Multiple gasoline storage tanks – including two full ones – were discovered up the road a couple years ago during work on Harrison Avenue.

Jim Marino, assistant public works director, told *Lake Tahoe News* that whatever the fill is composed it should not prevent the project from going forward.

Overflow parking into the neighborhood from events is a concern. Lauren Thomaselli, parks manager, said it's possible to include in rental agreements the need to provide adequate parking, even if that means shuttling people to the venue.

The City Council will make the ultimate decision on what the design will be. A date has not been set for when that will occur. Design Workshop will make final conceptual designs as well as put an estimated price on the work before the electeds discuss any project.