S. Tahoe working on how to handle special events

South Lake Tahoe Community Services Department is putting on a workshop to review the special events guidelines for future events.

Public feedback and participation is encouraged at the March 14 3pm meeting at the South Lake Tahoe Recreation Center, Cedar Room.

The City Council on March 20 is expected to have a workshop on the same topic, with action possibly being taken in April.

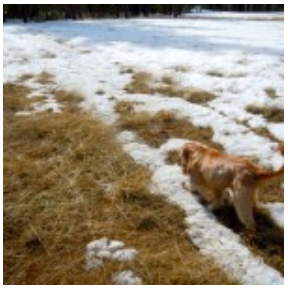
Wet week ahead for Lake Tahoe Basin

This could the wettest week of the winter, with the first of several storms expected to arrive tonight.

With spring just nine days away and bare ground the norm in so much of the Lake Tahoe Basin, more white stuff would be welcome. However, the storms are expected to be warm to begin with so rain will also be part of the equation.

“It’s been so dry so the ground, rivers and creeks can take on a quite a bit of water. We aren’t foreseeing any flooding,”

Katherine Homman with the National Weather Service in Reno said. “It’s definitely going to be wetter than we have been most of the winter.”



More snow this week may cover trails at lake level.
Photo/LTN

More moisture is expected throughout Northern California and Northern Nevada all week. Storms are expected to roll into Tahoe Tuesday and Thursday nights, too. With the latter, the temps are expected to decrease a bit.

Wind is likely to be a factor with the storms, too, according the Weather Service

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Miles of snowshoe trails just steps from neighborhood

By Kathryn Reed

As the sun beat down last Sunday in what turned out to be a record high 59 degrees, the clothes started coming off.

Powerline trail, which in some places parallels Pioneer Trail, is one of those routes that no matter the sport sweat is bound to be involved.

It’s not that it is super difficult, but it seems like from most entry points it’s a steady climb. And from there, the route under the trail has rollers, so it’s a steady up-and-down jaunt.



Marianne and Rosemary follow Debbie along the Powerline trail. Photos/Kathryn Reed

On this snowshoe excursion Rosemary and Sue commented how things didn’t look familiar with white stuff on the ground. Rosemary runs in this area in the summer, and Sue has ridden her mountain bike here.

This particular day there are seven women appreciating that snowmobiles have beaten us to the trail. Say what you want about those sleds, but they lay down a nice track to snowshoers.

One guy came by with his young daughter decked out in a pink helmet. It looked like she was doing the driving.

With the intensity of the sun, the snow is soft. Most of the

trail is covered, though a few bare spots were visible.

While trees line the trail, it is hard to forget you are not far from civilization with all those powerlines overhead. Still, the serenity that comes with playing in Tahoe is unavoidable.

Large boulders are scattered to the side near the start of the route. Cold Creek is mostly covered in snow. Pines give way to Manzanita as the trail follows the powerlines.

Much of the trail is wide enough so people pair off and chat along the way. We don’t know how far we went – other than it was an hour in at a decent pace. Debbie has an altimeter on her Swiss army knife, but no mileage. The rest of us have kept our phones in our pockets with no desire for technology to provide us stats about our day on the trail.

It was about being outside with friends – not keeping track of calories burned or miles walked.

Getting there:

From Highway 50 go up Al Tahoe Boulevard. Turn right on Pioneer Trail. Go past Sierra House Elementary School and turn left on Marshall Trail. Turn right on Columbine Trail. Parking at the end in cul-de-sac. Note: If it is snowing, you will be towed. We headed toward the sign that said Fountain Place Road beyond the green gate.

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Winter trail users discuss conflicts

By Jeff Delong, Reno Gazette-Journal

More than a decade after conflicts over winter sports led to the ban of snowmobiles from much of a popular mountain meadow between Reno and Lake Tahoe, new discussions are under way regarding the problem in the same vicinity.

Involved are folks who cherish the quiet solitude of skiing or traversing the snowy backcountry by snowshoe, as well as those who are thrilled by zipping over a winter landscape on speeding snow machines.

Both types of winter sports enthusiasts say they aim to protect their interests but also say agreements can likely be reached.

Unlike in 2001 when the U.S. Forest Service prohibited snowmobiles across most of Tahoe Meadows, the government this time is not considering any such closures.

Instead, it is trying to find accord between snowmobilers and fans of quieter winter sports concerning issues such as noise, wilderness trespassing and public safety.

“Working together, we might find some common ground. We might find some success,” said Jeff Marsolais, deputy forest supervisor for the Forest Service’s Lake Tahoe unit. “When the groups own the solution, they set the stage for long-term success.”

The primary area in question lies along the western boundaries of Tahoe Meadows and down the slopes dropping westward toward Lake Tahoe, but any solutions agreed upon might apply other places where conflicts over winter sports arise, Forest

Service spokeswoman Cheva Heck said.

Read the whole story

Hight lays down consecutive 900s to win halfpipe

By USSA

STRATTON, Vt. – Elena Hight of South Lake Tahoe won the Burton U.S. Open halfpipe Saturday at Stratton Resort in Vermont to end Kelly Clark's streak of 16 consecutive wins.

Ellery Hollingsworth of Darien, Conn., gave the U.S. a women's sweep with a third place finish.

On the men's side Shaun White, who trains at Northstar, won, edging Louie Vito of Sandy, Utah, and U.S. Snowboarding Rookie Team athlete Benji Farrow of Ludlow, Vt. who claimed third, giving the U.S. a sweep of the men's podium as well.

Hight edged Clark of West Dover, Vt., with a score of 85.50 to 85.19, while Hollingsworth had an 80.56.

Hight's winning run featured 900s back-to-back and a huge method air.

"It was definitely an amazing day out here and all the girls are just pushing it. Kelly is the level that we've all been trying to reach," Hight said.

Dugard makes first public appearance since 2009 homecoming

By Emily Christianson, Los Angeles Times

Jaycee Dugard stepped out publicly on Friday for the first time since her rescue in 2009. The kidnapping survivor was in good company at the United Nations in New York for Diane von Furstenberg's DVF Awards ceremony, where she met fellow honorees like Oprah Winfrey.

Dugard received the Inspiration Award for her JAYC Foundation, which aims to help families "recovering from abduction and the aftermath of other traumatic experiences."

People reports that, taking the microphone, Dugard told the crowd: "My name is Jaycee Dugard and I want to say that, because for a long time I wasn't able to say my name and so it feels good. I am truly honored to be here tonight with these amazing women who have done and been through so much more than me."

Despite her horrific experience, she said it was her mother's hope that helped her go on. "And I did live. I have two beautiful daughters who I love with all my heart," she said.

Dugard, 31, made headlines first when she was abducted at age 11 as she walked to bus stop from her South Lake Tahoe-area home, and again 18 years later when she was rescued with her daughters from her kidnappers, Phillip and Nancy Garrido.

Read the whole story

Rotary celebrating St. Paddy's Day a day early

The 44th annual Tahoe Douglas Rotary St. Patrick's Day celebration is March 16 at 6pm at Harrah's Lake Tahoe.



The evening includes a silent auction, live auction, full Irish buffet, wine tasting, entertainment and dancing.

A new addition this year is the wine grab. For $10 people can buy a bottle of wine that will be inside a bag, so you won't know if you're getting a $50 bottle of wine or one that is $10 or $20 in value.

Tickets to the event are $55 each or a table of 10 is $500. There will be a week in Hawaii and $1.000 in cash raffled off during the evening.

Silent auction are available on line until March 14.

Funds raised during the evening stay locally.

For more information and tickets, email spdc@tdrotary.com or call 800.576.8372.

Community groups to meet to work on reducing duplication of efforts

Last fall several community based organizations met to discuss how to reduce duplication of efforts regarding donations to children/families.

At that meeting the group suggested getting together in the spring. That follow-up meeting has been set for The follow-up meeting has been scheduled for March 29, 2:30-4pm at the El Dorado County Office of Education, 6767 Green Valley Road, Placerville, conference room B2.

Anyone affiliated with a community based organization, may please RSVP to Jackie Mintz at jmintz@edcoe.org, or (530) 295.2337, by March 26.

S. Tahoe schedules neighborhood meeting for Y area

South Lake Tahoe officials will be meeting with residents and business owners in the neighborhoods of South Y Industrial, Bonanza, Barton, airport and Winnemucca on March 20.

The 6pm meeting is in the City Council Chambers located at 1901 Airport Road.

South Lake Tahoe is broken into 20 neighborhoods. They have

been combined into six “super” neighborhoods when it came to creating Neighborhood Service Team Areas.

For more information, click on the flyer.

Storytime for families at S. Tahoe library

Let’s Read Together Storytime is a family based storytime with early learning reading tips.

Each family will go home with a new copy of the featured book. Families must preregister for the March 17 11am storytime that is conducted at the South Lake Tahoe library because space is limited.

For more information or to register, call (530) 573.3307.