Celebration of Writers around the Lake

A Celebration of Writers around the Lake is Sept. 16 at 7:30pm.

Tahoe Writers Works hosts talent from the lake and beyond in a smart, funny, and inspirational night of prose.

Reception starts at 7pm at the Valhalla Boathouse Theater on the South Shore.

The $10 admission includes wine reception and reading.

Open mic night

Bare Bones Open Mic Night is Aug. 30 at 7pm at the Valhalla Boathouse Theater

It is free.

The Bare Bones Open Mic Nights provide a stage for musicians, writers, comedians, and all other performing artists wanting to be seen and heard.

Mystery Radio Theatre

Aug. 13 at 7pm is Mystery Radio Theatre at the Valhalla Boathouse Theater on the South Shore.

Cost is $45 for adults, $20 for children (12 and under), $35 for Tahoe Tallac Association members, and free for 2011 TTA season passholders.

Solve the murder at this authentic Tahoe-based radio theater performance. This audience-interactive play with local actors celebrates the Roaring 20s' South Shore lifestyle.

Reserve your seats early, as this event always sells out. Wine and hors d'oeuvres are included in the ticket price.

Open mic night

July 26 at 7pm is Bare Bones Open Mic Night at the Valhalla Boathouse Theater on the South Shore.

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Incline woman missing; car found on Hwy. 28

Law enforcement is looking for an Incline Village woman who has been missing since Saturday.

Kelly McGinnis, 43, was last seen leaving her home in the 900

block of Galaxy Way on June 18, Washoe County sheriff's spokesman Armando Avina said in a press release. Her vehicle has was found in a parking lot west of the Thunderbird Lodge on Highway 28 near Sand Harbor.



Kelly McGinnis

A K-9 unit is assisting search and rescue teams along trails and shorelines in that area.

McGinnis is about 5-feet-6, 150 pounds, blonde hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information is asked to call the sheriff's office at (775) 832.9276.

Youth hockey coaches needed on South Shore

The South Lake Tahoe Amateur Hockey Association is seeking head and assistant coaches for four levels of hockey.

Coaches are need for:

Mite developmental (ages 8 and under)

Squirt NORCAL team (ages 9 and 10)

PeeWee NORCAL team (ages 11 & 12), and

Bantam NORCAL team (ages 13 & 14).

The application is due July 8. Completed applications should be sent to STAHA Coaching Director Hunter Boldt at hunterboldt@gmail.com or mailed to STAHA, Attn: Coaching Director, 1178 Rufus Allen Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150; or left at the South Lake Tahoe Ice Arena in the STAHA mailbox located behind the front desk.

Open mic night

Valhalla Grand Hall on the South Shore on June 28 at 7pm will be the site of the Bare Bones Open Mic night.

The event provides a stage for musicians, writers, comedians, and all other performing artists wanting to be seen and heard.

The event is free. Donations will be accepted.

Log on for directions.

Golden Bough on the South Shore

Since their inception in 1980, Golden Bough has become a popular and highly in demand group on both sides of the Atlantic, gaining critical acclaim and enthusiastic support

wherever they perform. The trio plays at the Valhalla Boathouse Theatre on the South Shore June 24 at 7:30pm.

Tickets are $15 and are available online.

Log on for directions.

Hip Service plays at Valhalla

Hip Service is a high-energy performance of R&B, Motown, funk, and hip pop. They perform June 23 from 7:30-9:30pm on the Valhalla Grand Lawn on the South Shore.

Tickets are $25 and available online.

Log on for directions.

League files suit over South Lake Tahoe's General Plan

By Kathryn Reed

It was a matter of when, not if the League to Save Lake Tahoe would sue South Lake Tahoe over its recently adopted General Plan.

On Friday the League filed a complaint challenging the city's General Plan that was approved in May. At that meeting the League's attorney threatened to sue if the city went through with approving a plan that was inconsistent with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Regional Plan.

"It's not a surprise," City Manager Tony O'Rourke said of the complaint. "I think the council did the right thing. Unfortunately, this is the tactic the League has used historically. We have wanted to sit down with them, and hope we still can, but that process takes longer than filing a lawsuit."

In a statement released today, League Executive Director Rochelle Nason says, "From a planning perspective, the city is putting the cart before the horse, because it is prematurely trying to adopt a new General Plan before there is a new Regional Plan. This is a clear violation of the TRPA code of ordinances."

Although the city knowingly adopted items that are out of compliance with TPRA, there is essentially an asterisk by each of those items that prohibits such things like increased density from taking place until TRPA adopts its next Regional Plan – which is more than a year away.

"We knew they would probably sue us," O'Rourke told *Lake Tahoe News*. "They say they want to be partners, but then they revert to litigation. Actions speak louder than words."

O'Rourke stands by what the council approved – a document long in the works before he was hired nearly a year ago and the majority of the current council came on board last fall.

No injunction has been ordered by a judge, so the General Plan stands for now. But it is possible the League could ask a judge for the city not to implement certain aspects of the

General Plan or all of it until a court rules on the entire case.

The League takes issue with the environmental document associated with the General Plan as well.

“We need plans that reduce traffic and boost restoration efforts,” Nason said. “The urbanization proposed by the city will not only diminish the region’s draw as a serene and beautiful place for residents and visitors, it also violates regional, state and federal environmental laws. The sensible solution would be for the city to wait until the TRPA adopts a new regional plan.”

The General Plan cost the city more than $775,000 to create. What a lawsuit will cost would be purely speculative at this point. How long the document will be tied up in court is too early to tell.

“Just because they filed a suit doesn’t mean they are right,” O’Rourke said.