Placer County approves 5-year redevelopment plan

The Placer County Board of Supervisors, sitting as the county redevelopment agency board, on a 5-0 vote approved a five-year implementation plan for the North Lake Tahoe Redevelopment Area.

As required by state law, the Placer County Redevelopment Agency must adopt implementation plans for redevelopment areas every five years. The plan addressed approved last week will be valid into 2016.

The plan includes information on goals, proposed programs, affordable housing, projects and expenditures and explains how the plan will alleviate blight. The board's approval of the plan will give the Agency general direction, but does not authorize any specific projects.

Supervisors directed that RDA staff to return with a more specific list of near- and long-term priorities for the next supervisors' meeting in Tahoe, tentatively scheduled for July 25-26.

The North Lake Tahoe Project Area is 1,731-acres and includes the Tahoe City/Tahoe Gateway, Lake Forest, Kings Beach, Tahoe Vista and Stateline communities. All of the North Lake Tahoe Redevelopment Project Area lies within the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency jurisdiction. The areas include:

• The Tahoe City community, with approximately 693 acres;

• The Tahoe City Gateway area, with approximately 41 acres;

• Lake Forest is between Tahoe City and Carnelian Bay; and

• The Kings Beach and Tahoe Vista communities, which encompass about 995 acres.

The plan attempts to consolidate small and irregular lots, and improve deteriorated properties and public facilities to eliminate blight. With parking limitations in commercial core areas of the North Shore, the plan also is working on increasing parking.

Future and ongoing projects in the redevelopment area that the agency is involved in include:

• BB, LLC Mixed Use Community Enhancement Program (CEP) Kings Beach

• Tahoe City Transit Center Project

• Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project

• Parking Lot Property Acquisition and Construction in Commercial Districts

• Ferrari Resort Kings Beach CEP Project

• Tahoe City Y Improvements

• Lake Forest Water District/Tahoe City PUD Project

• Tahoe Housing Rehab Assistance Program

• Tahoe Vista Recreation Area Improvements

• Commercial Loan Program.

Cooking classes in Truckee

There will be cooking demonstrations on July 23 and Aug. 20 at the Cedar House in Truckee.

Summer Canapés and Appetizers on July 23 features the basic

composition of bite-sized hors d’oeuvres, garnish and plating with four wines from California. Learn how to design canapés and plan wine pairings during this class. Chef Jacob explains, “Utilize summer’s abundant produce with a lesson on appetizers and their little cousin, canapés. With a focus on flavor structure, textures and presentation, leave with the tools to truly impress at your next gathering or dinner party.”

During the Composed Salads Demonstration on Aug. 20, learn to mix flavorful vinaigrettes and select specialty greens for an exceptional salad mix. Techniques for proper storage of salad greens will be discussed and the class features four wines from four continents. Learn to choose the right green for the job, techniques for washing and storing greens for maximum flavor retention and modern techniques to enhance texture, flavor and visual appeal. Recipes for Stella Classics like butter lettuce, mixed greens, duck confit and heirloom tomato salads will be explored.

Each cooking demonstration includes wine, taste and lunch. The classes take place at Stella from 11am to 1:30[m and each class is $55 plus tax.

Call (530) 582.5655 to reserve a spot.

The Forgotten Feast with Hank Shaw

Cedar House’s summer calendar kicks off with a celebration of wild plants and mushrooms, game and seafood. Indulge in The Forgotten Feast with Hank Shaw author of “Hunt, Gather, Cook: Finding the Forgotten Feast” on July 16. Shaw spends his days thinking and writing about ways to cook and enjoy anything

that walks, flies, swims or crawls.

The Forgotten Feast begins with cocktails and a book signing by Shaw at 5:30pm and is followed by a five-course tasting menu inspired by Shaw’s book.

Cost is $75 plus tax and service includes cocktails and wine.

For more information about this event in Truckee, call (530) 582.5655.

Lecture about heart disease

Steve Brooks, doctor with Barton Family Practice, will talk about heart disease on Sept. 21 from 6-7pm at Kahle Community Center in Stateline.

For more information, call (530) 543.5656.

Lecture about children’s health

Jennifer Ehmann, doctor with Barton Pediatrics, will be talking about children’s heath on Aug. 23 from 6:30-7:30pm at Kahle Community Center in Stateline.

For more information, call (530) 543.5656.

Barton Foundation wine auction

Barton Foundation’s 8th Annual Wine Tasting Auction is Aug. 17 at 5:30pm at Edgewood Tahoe Clubhouse, 100 Lake Parkway, Stateline.

Admission to the auction is a donation of a bottle of wine (valued at $75 or more) or $85. All proceeds help build Barton Foundation’s Community Health Endowment. The auction will include the donated wine and wine-related gifts, such as wine tasting excursions, over night stays at exclusive wineries, wine tours, gift baskets and much more.

To RSVP or become a sponsor of the event, email foundation@bartonhealth.org or call (530) 543.5614.

Barton Foundation Golf Tournament

Barton Foundation’s 17th Annual Golf Tournament is July 22, with a 9am shotgun start.

Lunch and awards ceremony is 2pm.

This scramble golf tournament at Genoa Lakes Resort – Lakes Course give golfers the chance to take home special prizes. As the golfing ends, guests join the awards party, barbecue and announcement of raffle prize winners.

The entry fee is $175 per person, of which $100 is tax deductible, includes green fees, cart, golfer amenity package, a barbecue lunch and no host bar.

All proceeds help build Barton Foundation's Community Health Endowment. Endowment investment earnings have allowed the Barton Foundation to fund various hospital projects including construction of the Helipad in 2001, the Hospice program and Health Resource Center, purchase automated external defibrillators for El Dorado and Douglas counties, pay for Life-Line units for Hospice and fund the hospital's Healing Design program.

To register, go online or call (530) 543.5614.

Special Olympics Nevada raising money with rappel challenge

More than 100 intrepid individuals will go Over the Edge for Special Olympics Nevada at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in Reno June 3-4 to scale 27 stories down the side of one of the most recognized buildings in Reno. Over the Edge is a skyscraper rappel adventure for ordinary people who raise at least $1,000 to support the activities and programs of Special Olympics in Nevada.

When individuals and corporate teams sign up for Over the Edge, they receive the necessary training, equipment and professional supervision to make their skyscraper rappel challenge safe and secure. Special Olympics also provides strategies and tips for successfully raising the minimum

donations required to participate in the event.

Many corporations use the events as a team-building exercise that also enables them to do good in their community.

Individuals can register to go over the edge on June 4 right up until the day of the event – $1,000 in donations is required either from a single individual or from among an individual's friends, family and colleagues. Credit card payments are welcome. Go online for more information and to register.

Special Olympics provides athletic opportunities that instill the confidence young people and adults with intellectual disabilities need to navigate life more successfully. Special Olympics serves more than 5,000 participants and their families throughout Nevada year-round.

All programs are free of charge to participants and Special Olympics Nevada is entirely funded through the generosity local individuals and businesses.

STHS graduation

South Tahoe High School's graduation is June 10 at 4pm on the football field.

Luther Pass construction resumes

Caltrans today announced that construction has resumed on a $16 million environmental improvement project on Highway 89 between Highway 50 and the Alpine/El Dorado county line.

This final phase of the Luther Pass project will widen shoulders, rehabilitate and reconstruct drainage facilities.



Work on Luther Pass started in 2010. Photo/LTN file

This will allow roadway run-off to be directed to treatment collection facilities rather than Lake Tahoe and its tributary waterways.

The project is financed entirely by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.