

Candidates begin filing for South Tahoe positions

As of July 19, the candidates who have taken out papers to run for South Lake Tahoe City Council are Tom Davis, Angela Swanson, Georg May and Claire Fortier. No one has turned the documents in.

Three positions are up on the Nov. 2 ballot.

City Clerk Suzie Alessi has taken out papers to retain her seat as city clerk and David Olivo has done the same to keep his job as city treasurer.

Whooping cough epidemic grows; vaccine urged

By Bobby Caina Calvin, Sacramento Bee

State health officials today urged more Californians to get vaccinated for whooping cough, as the disease grew to epidemic proportions.

To date, about 1,500 people in California have become infected with pertussis – a five-fold increase from the same time last year. Five infants, all under 3 months old, have died from the disease, and one additional case is under investigation by the California Department of Public Health.

“We are facing what could be the worst year for pertussis that this state has seen in more than 50 years,” said Dr. Gilberto Chavez, the agency’s chief of the state’s Center for

Infectious Diseases.

Read the whole story

Stories about oceans at Zephyr Cove library

The Douglas County Public Library in Zephyr Cove presents Ocean Stories and Crafts on July 23 at 1:30pm. Miss Carol will read “Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark” by Will Grace and Ken Geist.

Children will sing “At the Aquarium” by Tom Paxton and make a fish-themed craft to take home. For ages 3 and up; young children should be accompanied by an adult. Sign up by July 22.

The Douglas County Public Library is located at 233 Warrior Way. For more information, call (775) 588.6411 or visit douglas.lib.nv.us.

Youth drum group forming in South Lake

Liz Broscoe, professional drummer and teacher, welcomes kids ages 10-18 to join her in creating a drum group.

On Aug. 12 the group will join Broscoe on stage at the

Valhalla Boat House as part of her drum show DURGA. The program is in partnership with the Boys & Girls of Lake Tahoe.



Liz Broscoe
helps Haley
Crowsen with
the djembe.
Photo/Provided

Practices are at the club (1100 Lyons Ave., South Lake Tahoe) on July 22, July 29, Aug. 5 and Aug. 11 at 1pm.

The program is free and participants do not need to be a member of the Boys & Girls Club.

Drums will be provided.

To sign up contact, call Broscoe at (530).318-2330 or email lizbroscoe@aol.com.

Squaw's Cushing names her successor as resort's CEO

Nancy Cushing, retiring CEO of Squaw Valley Ski Corporation, has appointed Andy Wirth to the position of chief executive officer at Squaw Valley USA.

Wirth will be responsible for all aspects of resort operations at Squaw Valley, and he will report directly to the board of directors at Squaw Valley Ski Corporation. Wirth will succeed Cushing, who has advised Squaw Valley Ski Corporation since 1985 and served as its president since 1994. Wirth's appointment as CEO will be effective Aug, 2.

Wirth brings more than 24 years of experience in the mountain resort and hospitality management industry and a proven ability to enhance customer experiences, to increase revenue, and to drive profitability.

Wirth joins Squaw Valley from Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation in Colorado, where he most recently had the position as senior vice president of marketing and sales and was a member of the Steamboat executive team. Wirth's career at Steamboat began in 1986, and he has advanced through successive leadership roles in marketing and sales management throughout his tenure with the resort operating company.

In 2007, Wirth joined Intrawest ULC as a result of the acquisition of Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation and was soon promoted to executive vice president and chief marketing officer with responsibility for all of the marketing and sales functions for Intrawest's portfolio of mountain resorts, including Whistler Blackcomb, Mont Tremblant, Stratton Mountain and Winter Park Resort. In addition, he held a concurrent role in which he oversaw Intrawest's enterprise-wide strategic alliances along with the development and management of the marketing and sales efforts associated with Intrawest's Hospitality Management division with operations in North America, Europe, Mexico and Hawaii.

Panel to discuss smoke from USFS burns in Tahoe

By Jeff DeLong, Reno Gazette-Journal

Where there's fire, there's smoke.

April Cole can certainly attest to that after a controlled burn at Lake Tahoe last April sent thick clouds of smoke billowing east to her home near the Carson City-Douglas County line.

"It was terrible. Oh my gosh, we couldn't even breathe," Cole said of a situation that had her close up her windows and posed particular trouble for her father, who lives next door and suffers a respiratory ailment.

That controlled burn, started April 18 by the U.S. Forest Service to lessen fire danger at Tahoe's upscale community of Glenbrook, is scheduled to be discussed Wednesday by a state commission established to examine fire-related issues.

"We're going to kind of talk about how it happened and how it can be avoided in the future," said Pete Anderson, Nevada state forester and a member of the three-member commission established by Gov. Jim Gibbons to follow up on recommendations made by a joint Nevada-California task force formed in the wake of the disastrous Angora Fire of 2007, which burned 254 homes outside South Lake Tahoe.

Read the whole story

STHS tour of new facilities

South Tahoe High School is hosting an Open House on Aug. 26 from 9am-3pm.

Principal Ivone Larson and staff members will show people around the new facilities.

In April, the Construction Arts Transportation Academy opened and the new two-story, 15-classroom Stadium View building will be completed Aug. 1. Work is progressing on the Performing Arts modernization project and the new Tahoe Arts and Design Academy.

Upper Truckee River set to meander more naturally

By Kathryn Reed

In many ways, the segment of Upper Truckee River behind Lake Tahoe Airport looks anything but natural.

Guys are out there with what looks like a fire hose watering vegetation. Black berms filled with water are close by. Pumps are draining what will be the new channel.



Scott Carroll
talks about
the new river
channel behind
him.

Photo/Kathryn
Reed

It has the look and feel of a construction zone because it is one.

It was two years ago this month the California Tahoe Conservancy board took a field trip to this location for the ground breaking of the multi-million dollar project that will re-route the river to its more natural curves and bends. The board re-visited the site as part of this month's meeting.

"By creating meanders, we create diversity. We will rebuild a whole food web," explained Scott Carroll, the CTC staff member who led the tour.

Diversity comes in the depth of the channel, the plant species as well as wildlife.

A channel was dug closer to the airport, but not far from the current flow to mimic what the river would have looked like before it was straightened out years ago for ranchers' needs.

In a matter of days officials are expected to make a decision as to whether the vegetation has taken root enough to start using the new channel.

"This vegetation is like rebar in a concrete building. It's what will hold the bank," Jennifer Taylor, assistant engineer with South Lake Tahoe, said.

Planning for the project cost \$1.4 million, with construction coming in at \$6.6 million.

Two concrete fish barriers farther upstream were removed.

Carroll said this type of project is designed to be sustainable so maintenance is not needed in the future.

Markleeville Art Gallery reception

Markleeville Art Gallery is having a reception July 20 from 5-8pm.

Some of the artists featured in gallery will be attending the event.

For more information, call (530) 694.2787.

Time running out to comment on bike-pedestrian plan

To the community,

The Draft 2010 Lake Tahoe Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is available for public review [here](#). The 45-day public comment period ends July 26.

Comments may be sent to:

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The 2010 Lake Tahoe Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is an update to the 2003 Lake Tahoe Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The BPP is a guide for planning, constructing, and maintaining a regional bicycle and pedestrian system.

The BPP includes maps and prioritized project lists for the bicycle and pedestrian network, and lays out policies for local governing bodies and transportation agencies. The BPP serves as the Bicycle and Pedestrian element to both the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization Regional Transportation Plan (Mobility 2030) and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Transportation Plan.

Major new elements of the 2010 BPP include updates to maps, project lists, and goals and policies. There are new sections on "Benefits of Bicycling and Walking" and "Maintenance." All other sections have been updated to reflect current conditions.

Copies of the Draft Lake Tahoe Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan are available at the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the Placer County Public Library in Tahoe City, the Washoe County Public Library in Incline Village, the North Tahoe Conference Center, the El Dorado County Public Library in South Lake Tahoe, and the Douglas County Public Library in Zephyr Cove. The BPP is also available on the TMO website at <http://www.tahoempo.org> under "Bikes and Pedestrian," or by contacting Karen Fink at the address listed above.

Karen Fink, TRPA transportation planner