

Sierra Tract to be called Tahoe Sierra in SLT

Because of the research by South Shore resident Judi Allen the subdivision referred to as Sierra Tract in South Lake Tahoe will be changed back to its original name – Tahoe Sierra.

Sierra Tract started to be used when a plan area statement for the neighborhood was adopted.

City officials have indicated they will use the Tahoe Sierra name going forward where practical to do so, and will use that name for future plan area statements and area plans. Expect to see references to Tahoe Sierra on City Council documents as well.

Talk to focus on how to make change happen in SLT

How to City: From Idea to Reality, Making a Community Project Happen is the topic of the Jan. 20 Tahoe Talks Brown Bag Lunch.

How do projects move forward within the city of South Lake Tahoe? What formats have been successful? Those questions will be answered by South Lake Tahoe staff. Community members will talk about lessons learned with actual projects like the Bijou Bike Park and the Al Tahoe Boulevard Safety and Community Enhancement Project.

The talk is from noon-1:30pm at Lake Tahoe Community College in the Aspen Room.

Pizza event benefits Animal Coalition of Tahoe

Pizza for Pups (and kitties, too) is a fundraiser for Animal Coalition of Tahoe.

It will be Jan. 27 at Pizza Blue Dog Pizza at their midtown location on the corner of Lake Tahoe and Sierra boulevards in South Lake Tahoe.

Cost is \$10. Proceeds go to ACT's spay-neuter program and the animal shelter in Meyers. Pizza is included in the cost, however the rest of Blue Dog's menu will be available for purchase, including salads, beer, and wine.

There will also be a raffle.

There will be two seatings, one at 6pm and the other at 7pm. RSVP to info@tahoeanimals.org or purchase tickets in advance at Bonanza Boot in the Chateau shopping center beginning Jan. 19.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• The South Lake Tahoe Recreation Facilities Joint Powers Authority is seeking applicants to fill three positions on the Bicycle Advisory Committee. The deadline to apply is Jan. 22 at 5pm. For an application, call 530.542.6006 or email eapalazzo@cityofslt.us.

• East West Resorts is officially rebranding to East West Destination Hospitality. Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2016, the company offers a variety of North Lake Tahoe vacation rentals, including residences in the Village at Northstar and at Old Greenwood, which features a Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course and 200 whole and fractionally-owned residences.

• Tahoe Cross Country in Tahoe City has trails designated for people who ski with their dogs.

• Truckee River Winery is hosting a fundraising event with High Fives Foundation on March 9. Ice carvers will have four hours to create their artwork. Here is an **application**.

EDSO going to the people to talk facilities

El Dorado County Sheriff John D'Agostini is planning to have town hall style meetings throughout the county in each of the supervisor districts.

The topic of the meetings will be the new sheriff's office facility on the West Slope. D'Agostini will be discussing details of the building: progress, location and

representatives from the local architectural firm, Arch Nexus, will also be present. The sheriff is looking for the public's feedback and input on the project and the design of the building.

Our current office was built in 1971. The department has outgrown the facility in size and functionality.

The meeting schedule is:

District 1

Jan. 28 at 6pm, El Dorado Hills Fire Department, 1050 Wilson Blvd., El Dorado Hills.

District 2

Jan. 25, 6pm, Pioneer Park Community Center, 6740 Fairplay Road, Somerset.

District 3

Jan. 26, 6pm, American Legion Hall, 4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville.

District 4

Feb. 1, 6pm, Pilot Hill/Cool Grange Hall, 1701 Highway 193, Cool.

District 5

Jan. 27 at 6pm, Pollock Pines Community Center, 2675 Sanders Way, Pollock Pines.

Money available to restore

sage grouse habitat

Funds are available through the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program for projects that will enhance and restore high quality sage grouse habitat on private and public land in Nevada.

The purpose of these funds is to not only improve habitat, but to also create a supply of “compensatory mitigation credits” to be used in the Nevada Conservation Credit System. Through the credit system, habitat projects generate credits that can be sold to parties to mitigate impacts to sage grouse habitat as a result of development projects.

Interested parties must submit a letter of interest by 5pm Feb. 8.

For more information, go **online**.

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· Bryan Davis, Edgewood Companies marketing guy, has been appointed to the Douglas County Planning Commission. JoEtta Brown was reappointed. The elected county commissioners make those decisions.

· South Lake Tahoe fire rescue is hosting a coats for kids drive this month. All donations will be distributed to children in need within South Lake Tahoe. Drop donations at any of the three fire stations now through Jan. 27.

· The El Dorado County's fair theme for 2016 is Cowboys and Carousels. The fair runs June 16-19 in Placerville.

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- The Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dance at Harveys in Stateline is Feb. 5 from 7-9:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person. For more info, call 775.586.7271.

- TRYP's January workshop is a community service open house where more than 12 nonprofits will discuss their services and try to bridge the gap between organizations. The workshop is free for members of all nonprofits, and \$5 for non-members. The event is Jan. 19 from 6-7pm at the Blue Angel Cafe in South Lake Tahoe.

- Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Oak Grove, will host a town hall meeting Jan. 20 at 6pm at Rolling Hills Middle School in El Dorado Hills.

- Here is the Sierra roadwork schedule for the coming week from Caltrans.

- E.L. Wiegand Foundation gave \$70,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Nevada to replace the organization's aging vans.

Then and now: Round Hill mall changes

The original Round Hill Shopping Center was built in the early 1960s. It had two driveway entrances and featured a rustic indoor mall.



The corner of the center in 1996.
Photo/TRPA

On the south corner fronting the center was a popular deli in an A-frame building. A retail and business office building now occupies that separately-owned corner.



The south entrance to the center in 1996. Photo/TRPA

To the right of the deli was the south entrance to the center from Elks Point Road. A Safeway store was immediately to the right.



This is what the strip mall looked like 20 years ago. Photo/TRPA

Next to the Safeway going north was the main building of the mall.



In 1996 the mall was enclosed. Photo/TRPA

The skylight-topped mall included, among other things, water displays, a roller skating rink, U.S. post office, photography, jewelry, shoes, clothing, crafts, gifts, bakery, florist, various eateries, bars, offices and an open booth from which mall promoter Dick Green broadcast Round Hill Time daily. ("Hi there, Mrs. Smith – nice to see you here!")

At the far north end of the mall was a spacious disco nightclub which had various names/owners over the years including the Monte Vista.



The north entrance in 1996. Photo/TRPA

The north driveway to the center was from Highway 50, fronted by a Shell gas station which was razed in about 2005. That lot remains empty today. At one time there were three gas stations at Round Hill; today just one.

By 1998, the original buildings had been razed and replaced by the new Round Hill Square, without an enclosed mall. The post office and Safeway remained, but the other original tenants gradually left.



The south entrance as it looks in 2016.
Photo/Bill Kingman

On the site where Safeway had been at the south entrance now stands the Dollar Tree store.



The strip mall in 2016. Photo/Bill Kingman

A new Safeway was built at the north end of the center where the Monte Vista nightclub was.

Note: My thanks to Karen Fink, Theresa Avance, Devin Middlebrook, and Julie Regan for sharing the 1990s photos from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency files.

ZCES preps for annual Night in Tahoe shindig

Tickets are available for A Night in Tahoe, Zephyr Cove Elementary School's annual fundraiser.

The event at Edgewood Tahoe is Jan. 22 from 6-10pm. It includes a silent auction, dancing, food, and wine.

Tickets are \$70 per person and available in the front office or from any Parents Club member. Tickets will also be available at the door.

While you're enjoying A Night in Tahoe, your kids may enjoy Kids Night Out at Kahle Community Center. This is for ages 5 and up. The \$15 fee includes a slice of pizza, drink and popcorn. It goes from 6-8:30pm. Call Kahle to register – 775.586.7271.

For more info, contact Amanda Pilcher at ajpilcher@hotmail.com or 832.314.7405.