

EDC promoting vacation rental program

El Dorado County is putting on a meeting March 4 about the Good Neighbor Program for vacation home rentals.

It starts at 11am in the conference room at the South Lake Tahoe Library, 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

The purpose of the meeting is to explain how the Good Neighbor Program works and how owners or their agents are the responsible party to encourage tenants to be courteous and thoughtful in their actions. Another purpose of the program is to explain the ordinance in plain English to visitors.

The brochure is also available online.

Going bald to raise money for cancer research



Van Oleson, right, donates the ice arena for this event; plus, he and his son get their heads shaved to help the cause. Photo/Denise Haerr

South Shore residents filled the South Lake Tahoe ice rink Feb. 27, but it had nothing to do with skating of any kind.

It was all for the St. Baldrick's Foundation's annual fundraiser. People show their support by volunteering to have their heads shaved and then seek donations to support childhood cancer research.

People of all ages participated, as well as folks with hair of various lengths.

On Friday night, 172 people had their heads shaved, with 80 of them being Heavenly Mountain Resort employees.

– Reporting by Denise Haerr

Then and now: Architectural improvements



Design standards have not always been important in South Lake Tahoe.
Photos/Bill Kingman

The two-story grey building on Highway 50 in South Lake Tahoe collapsed in 2005 when it was hit by a truck. The red “Trader” building was razed soon after.



A more mountain motif replaced the Tahoe-funky look.

At the same parcel today is more modern looking structure that has a bit of a mountain theme. It fits in with the natural environment better compared to what was there.

– Bill Kingman

Interchange work to impact travel on Hwy. 50

All westbound lanes on Highway 50 in El Dorado County are scheduled to be closed overnight starting March 1 as part of ongoing construction of the county's Silva Valley interchange project.

The \$57 million project in El Dorado Hills is to construct a new overcrossing over Highway 50, new on- and off-ramps with signalized intersections, and new bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Westbound Highway 50 from Bass Lake Road to El Dorado Hills Boulevard is scheduled to be closed from 11pm to 5am Sunday March 1-7. The westbound Bass Lake Road on-ramp will close at 10:30pm and reopen at 5am.

During the closures, traffic will be detoured 6.5 miles via El Dorado Hills Boulevard, Serrano Parkway and Bass Lake Road. Motorists should plan for an additional 10-15 minutes travel time and use alternate routes if possible.

For more information on the project, email silvavalley@edcgov.us or go online.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce is putting on a beginning QuickBooks class March 11 from 9am-2pm about setting things up, while the March 18, 9am-2pm class is about data entry, and March 25 is putting it to use. They are at Lake Tahoe Community College. For more info, go online.
 - The 4.5-mile Kingsbury Stinger Trail will start construction in June with full time USFS crews and TAMBA volunteer days.
 - Heavenly Mountain Resort expects to close April 19.
 - South Tahoe Public Utility District is having a workshop March 3 from 2-5pm about the 10-year financial plan and 2015-16 budget. The meeting is at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe.
 - Johnson-Perkins and Associates Inc. has split its Reno and Lake Tahoe offices. Johnson Valuation Group Ltd. will be a new real estate appraisal firm based in Lake Tahoe serving Nevada and California.
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Bill would honor fallen El Dorado County Marine

Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Granite Bay, has introduced a bill to honor Marine Staff Sgt. Sky Mote, who was killed in Afghanistan on Aug. 10, 2012.

The legislation will designate a mountain peak in the John Muir Wilderness, under which the Mote family gathered to camp every year, as "Sky Point." Every member of the California

congressional delegation is a co-sponsor of the bill.

Mote, who grew up in El Dorado, was awarded the Navy Cross, the Purple Heart, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, a Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, two Combat Action Ribbons and three Good Conduct Medals.

Sky Mote enlisted in the Marine Corps upon graduation from Union Mine High School in El Dorado. His nine-year service included a deployment to Iraq and two deployments to Afghanistan.

SLT changes dates for Citizens Academy

South Lake Tahoe has changed the dates of the spring Citizens Academy. The academy will be on consecutive Wednesdays from 5:30-8pm beginning May 6 and running through June 17.

The change is to avoid potential conflicts with the South Tahoe Action Team (STAT) class which will be April 2-23.

The Citizens Academy is a free, seven session interactive course designed to provide residents with an in-depth look into municipal government, as well as, information about the services and programs of the city of South Lake Tahoe.

Participants are required to complete an application by April 24 at 5pm. Applications and the course outline are online.

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- An article about Tahoe will be published in the May issue of *Bike* magazine.

- Drew Sainte Marie is opening Tahoe Amore, a Venetian gondola business, in the Tahoe Keys on May 1.

- Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce's Tech Tuesday on March 10 is about how to better communicate with hearing and speech disabled customers with a free relay service that allows business owners to connect to individuals hard of hearing, deaf or with a speech disability. It is from 5-7pm at the chamber's office in Stateline. Cost is \$15 for non-members, free for members. More info is online.

- Sammy Hagar and the Circle will be at Harveys in Stateline on Sept. 5.

- The annual Spring Wings Festival is May 16 from 10am-3:30pm. Celebrate the migration of the shorebird and waterfowl through the Lahontan Valley. Go on guided tours, visit interactive exhibits, see exclusive demonstrations and learn more about wildlife. The free event is in Fallon; meet at the Churchill County multipurpose building.

Reading could earn kids free burgers

The Douglas County Public Library is participating in the In-N-Out Burger Cover to Cover Club reading program starting March 7 and continuing through April 18.

Children ages 4-12 are eligible to receive certificates for a free In-N-Out hamburger or cheeseburger by reading books. Both branches of the library are participating in the program.

Fill out a file card at the library to enroll in the program. Each reader will earn an Achievement Award redeemable for an In-N-Out hamburger for every five books read at their reading level. Up to three certificates may be earned per child. Children too young to read on their own may have a parent read to them.

The Douglas County Public Library is located at 1625 Library Lane in Minden and 233 Warrior Way in Zephyr Cove.

Myths about Tahoe to be dispelled

David Antonucci will debunk the common myths and provide accurate answers to the most common questions about Lake Tahoe on March 24.

His talk – Fibs, Fakes and Falsehoods – Mistaken Tahoe – is an opportunity to gather correct and accurate information about

Lake Tahoe.

The talk is at 6pm at the Tahoe Science Center in Incline Village.

It is co-sponsored by UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center and North Lake Tahoe Chamber/CVB/Resort Association. The happy hour mixer will run from 5-7pm.

Go online to register for the event.