

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- Five El Dorado wineries will host a wine and food experience on Memorial Day Weekend celebrating Rhone varietals grown in the rocky soils of El Dorado's Pleasant Valley. The wineries are Auriga, Holly's Hill, Miraflores, Narrow Gate and Sierra Vista. The event is May 23-24 from 11am-4pm. To buy tickets, to online.
 - Graham Kent (South Tahoe High class of 1980) from the UNR Seismological Laboratory will give a presentation on Alert Tahoe on April 18 at 1pm at the South Lake Tahoe Library – 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd. Alert Tahoe is a one-of-a-kind, fire camera and multi-hazard tracking system that includes smoke investigation, prescribed fire oversight, wildfire tracking, Earthquake Early Warning, and monitoring of extreme weather events.
 - Coyote Grill at Round Hill Square changed ownership this month and will become Casey's, an American cantina. Tom Gallatin of Zephyr Cove is the new owner.
 - Daffodil Hill opened Feb. 23; usual opening is mid-March. Call ahead to ensure is open – 209.296.7048.
 - Check out this video from the *New York Times* about 26 hours in Tahoe-Truckee.
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Amgen bike race looking for volunteers in Tahoe

The Amgen Tour of California Women's Race at Lake Tahoe is seeking cycling aficionados to volunteer during the two stages, May 8-9.

The two Lake Tahoe stages cover 124 miles in two days. The start and finish line for both Tahoe stages are located at Heavenly Mountain Resort's California Lodge.

Volunteer registration is now open for about 300 positions for the first stage and 200-250 for the second. Four to six hours are anticipated each day.

To register, go online. Registrants must be at least 18 or accompanied by an adult.

For more info, contact Mike Frye at mike@ltva.org or 775.588.5900, ext. 309.

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- There will be a meeting March 16 from 5:30-7pm about the Lake Tahoe Airport Master Plan at the airport. For more info, go online.

- April 30 is Reno's fifth annual Dining Out For Life event. Dining at a participating restaurant will help to end HIV in Nevada. Go online for a complete list of restaurants.

- Tipsters may text anonymous information, including photographs, to the Californians Turn in Poachers and Polluters (CalTIP) program via “tip411” (numerically 847411). Wildlife officers can respond directly, resulting in an anonymous two-way conversation. Users must start the text message with the word “Caltip”.
 - Following upgrades and restaurant remodels, Tahoe Donner Association gave refrigeration units to the Urban Roots program, a local nonprofit committed to the education of sustainable agriculture in the community.
 - Squaw Valley Public Service District has chosen to pursue the eight-mile pipe to import water from Martis Valley as a redundant source of water for Olympic Valley. Here is a description of the seven options that were considered.
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SLT accepting applications for Citizens Academy

South Lake Tahoe is accepting applications for the spring 2015 Citizens Academy.

The Citizens Academy is open to all community members. It is an opportunity for residents to increase their knowledge about the workings of local government and have a desire to become more involved in the shaping and development of their community.

The academy will be on seven consecutive Wednesdays from 5:30-8pm beginning April 8 and running through May 20. The application and additional information is available online.

SLTFD training citizens to help in a crisis

The South Lake Tahoe Fire Department will be hosting the second session of STAT: South Tahoe Action Teams on April 2-23.

Classes will be four consecutive Thursdays from 6-8pm at the Fire Department Training Center located at 1100 Al Tahoe Blvd. Curriculum will include eight hours of instruction taught by members of the South Lake Tahoe Fire Department.

Applicants will be expected to commit their time and will be called upon in times of natural disaster, large scale emergencies and times of need in the South Lake Tahoe area.

The application and additional information is available online.

Final comments sought on Heavenly's summer plans

Heavenly Mountain Resort's Epic Discovery is inching closer to reality.

The U.S. Forest Service is seeking comments on the final environmental impact statement and draft record of decision. People who submitted project-specific written comments during scoping or other designated comment period are allowed to

comment this time around. People have 45 days to submit comments.

The documents may be found online.

Epic Discovery is the resort's proposal to turn the mountain into more of a summer destination, including additional ropes courses and a mountain bike park.

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- The final phase one report for the Lake Tahoe Airport Master Plan is complete. Go online to read it.
- Diamond Peak is having rail jams every Friday afternoon starting Feb. 27. For more info or to register, go online.
- Placer County this month released this report about economic development incentives for North Lake Tahoe.
- Caltrans is hosting a meeting to discuss the Echo Summit bridge replacement project on this Feb. 26, 6-8pm at Lake Tahoe Airport.
- Clean Tahoe and Heavenly Mountain Resort employees will be cleaning up Lakeview Commons and the surrounding neighborhood on Feb 26 from 8:45-11:45am. RSVP to Jenn Lay at 530.542.5140 or JLay@vailresorts.com to be included in the light lunch.

Lake Spirit nominations being accepted

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is accepting nominations for Lake Spirit Awards. The awards honor people making progress protecting Lake Tahoe.

In addition to nominations for exemplary citizens, nominations are also open in the agency representative/environmental scientist category. A North Shore and South Shore winner in each category will be selected.

Nominations for the Lake Spirit Awards may be submitted online through March 30. Award winners will be recognized by the TRPA Governing Board and at the South Tahoe Earth Day.

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- Caltrans this week will activate a metering ramp on Highway 50 westbound from El Dorado Hills Boulevard. It will operate during normal commute hours from 6-9am, Monday-Friday.

- Two guys from Portland bought the financially troubled KTHO radio station in South Lake Tahoe, but the station is not giving out their names. The station just released information

that Dennis Poarch is the sales and special projects manager.

- Here are the El Dorado-Tahoe and Sierra roadwork schedules from Caltrans for this week.
 - Beginning the first week of March and continuing into April, staff from the Nevada Division of Water Resources will be measuring groundwater levels in wells throughout various hydrographic basins in the state. The data collection is part of an ongoing effort to assess hydrologic conditions throughout Nevada.
 - Incline Village General Improvement District board meets Feb. 25 at 6pm at the Chateau. Immediately preceding this meeting, trustees will have a “meet and greet” at which all members of the community are welcome to come and informally chat with the elected officials.
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Then and now: Memories of the crossing guard



The crossing guard shack in South Lake Tahoe still exists. Photo/Bill Kingman

This photo, above, shows then and now. Still standing at the crosswalk on Highway 50 at Lyons Avenue is a telephone booth-sized structure with windows, door, and shake roof. It was the weather shelter for Mrs. Rosie the Crossing Guard.

Rosie Borges worked as a crossing guard for the Lake Tahoe Unified School District and city of South Lake Tahoe between 1974 and 1994. Her son, local chiropractor (and Tahoe historian) David Borges, says she was a crossing guard in San Jose from 1958 to 1965 before the family moved to Lake Tahoe.

That crosswalk across Highway 50 served Al Tahoe Elementary School, the high school (which became the middle school), and St. Theresa Church and School. Rosie was very protective of the kids she crossed. They followed the rules implicitly, and she was dedicated to getting a smile out of all of the drivers that stopped in front of her.

Dave Borges tells one folklore story about his mom when a car tried to go through the crosswalk while she was crossing children. She hit the car with her hand-held stop sign, reported the incident to the police and the driver got a ticket. Drivers and students quickly learned not to mess with crossing guard Mrs. Rosie.



Rosie Borges was
a fixture as a

crossing guard.

Photo/Dave Borges

One record of note is she had 100 percent success for 28 years. No children were injured when she was performing her duties as a crossing guard.

– *Bill Kingman*