Learn about Al Tahoe area via walking tour

The season’s final walking tour of the historic Al Tahoe neighborhood in South Lake Tahoe is Oct. 26.

Walkers will leave the Lake Tahoe Museum at 1pm. The tour is about two hours.

The tour is limited to 10 people and reservations must be made to Lee.Vestal.LTHS@outlook.com.

Bring water, wear comfy shoes and a suggested donation of $10 to the Lake Tahoe Historical Society is appreciated.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Tahoe Transportation District is asking people who play outdoors between Spooner Summit and Sand Harbor to take this survey.

• Sierra Nevada College’s Holiday Gala is Dec. 6 at 5:30pm, with dancing going to 10:30pm. The black-tie event is at the Hyatt in Incline. For more information, contact Aga Dabrowska at adabrowska@sierranevada.edu or (775) 881.7589.

• Lake Tahoe Community College is developing a vision for its future. This is a link to a survey asking people what their vision is for LTCC.

• South Tahoe Middle School has 500 iris bulbs to plant thanks to Larry Lambdin and Club Live. Planting will be Oct. 26 from 10am-noon at STMS as part of National Make a Difference Day. Call the school to help.

• Sugar Bowl-Royal Gorge is having its annual job fair on Oct. 19 in the Coldstream Room at Judah Lodge from 9am-3pm.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Tahoe Youth & Family Services needs an executive director because Alissa Nourse has resigned after having the job for nine years. She is going to be Alpine County's director of Behavioral Health.

• California Controller John Chiang has updated the public employee compensation website with the latest wage and benefit data for community college employees.

• A new edition of the Eastern Sierra Fall Color Guide & Map is available online.

• Here is the Sierra roadwork schedule from Caltrans for this week.

• Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 6-12.

State climate risk meeting in Truckee

A series of public meetings will be convened across the state to get input from Californians on how the state should prepare for climate risks.

The California Natural Resources Agency in coordination with other state agencies will be drafting the new Safeguarding California Plan, an update to the 2009 climate adaptation strategy, and is inviting public input on key issues and approaches that stakeholders feel should be addressed in the update.

The California Natural Resources Agency is planning to release a draft version of the Safeguarding California Plan for public review and comment by the end of 2013.

The closest meeting to Tahoe is Oct. 11, 10am-3pm, Town Hall-Council Chambers, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee.

Truckee creating complex for nonprofits

Truckee is well on its way to becoming the home to a community complex to house nonprofit groups, much like the Parasol Foundation in Incline Village.

The Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe (CATT), which is spearheading the efforts, has secured a generous land donation

from the Joerger family, and a number of nonprofit tenants and partners have lined up to be part of the project.

Shared nonprofit business centers have been popping up across the nation in recent years, with organizations and communities realizing the benefits of working together under one roof with many shared resources.



This is the land that will be developed for Truckee nonprofits. Photo/Pat Lynch

CATT is hoping to bring such a center, now called the Truckee Community Building, to the corner of Highway 267 and Brockway Road.

By cohabiting and working together, groups are saving money on rent and sharing space and resources (technology, conference rooms, office supplies), allowing them to focus money and energy into achieving their goals. They also find they are able to work together, rather than against each other, boosting productivity, performance, and community camaraderie.

Work is ongoing to secure funding for the building. Partnering and supporting agencies include Sierra Senior Services, Tahoe Safe Alliance, Project MANA, Tahoe Food Hub, YoungLife, Family Resource Center of Truckee, Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church, Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee, and the Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation.

More information is available online.

Amnesty period in El Dorado to license dogs

In an effort to encourage dog owners in El Dorado County to have their dogs licensed or renew expired licenses, El Dorado County Animal Services is offering an amnesty period for late and never-licensed, spayed or neutered dogs through Nov. 30.

During the amnesty licensing period, the penalty fees for late, expired, and never-licensed spayed or neutered dogs will be waived by Animal Services.

During this same period, the one-year license fee for a spayed or neutered dog will be reduced from $20 to $10 in the county and Placerville, and from $30 to $15 for dogs that reside in South Lake Tahoe.

County and city laws require licensing for all dogs at four months of age, and the dog must be current on its rabies vaccination.

Licensing helps Animal Services officers reunite lost pets with their owners and indicates that the dog is currently vaccinated for rabies. In addition, if an animal is injured and needs emergency care, a current license provides the information Animal Services Officers need to communicate with the owner right away. Nationally, 94 percent of dogs that come to shelters do not have any form of identification.

Licenses can be purchased at the El Dorado County Animal Services business office located at 415 Placerville Drive,

Suite N, Placerville and at the Western Slope shelter located at 511 Placerville Drive in Placerville and at the South Tahoe shelter at 1120 Shakori Drive in Meyers. Many veterinarians in El Dorado County also sell licenses.

For more info, call (530) 573.7925 in South Lake Tahoe or (530) 621.5795 in Placerville.

Shoulder injuries to be discussed by Barton doc

Shoulder Injuries and Treatment Options is what Dr. Kyle Swanson will be talking about Oct. 23.

The free lecture is from 6-7pm at Kahle Community Center in Stateline.

Swanson will talk about arthroscopic treatment of rotator cuff tears and treatment options for shoulder arthritis.

For more info, call (530) 543.5537.

El Dorado County wants input in mental health plan

The El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency, Mental Health Division is looking for public comment on the 2013-14 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan.

The draft plan is online or a copy may be obtained by contacting Stephanie Carlson at (530) 621.6315.

The plan provides information on current and new MHSA programs and budgets for fiscal years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16).

A public hearing hosted by the El Dorado County Mental Health Commission will be on Oct. 30 at 5pm. The hearing will be conducted at two locations:

El Dorado County, Health and Human Services Agency, 1360 Johnson Boulevard, No. 103, South Lake Tahoe via videoconference and live at the El Dorado County, Health and Human Services Agency, EMS Conference Room, 415 Placerville Drive, Suite K, Placerville.

Public comment may also be submitted through Oct. 30 at 5pm via email to MHSA@edcgov.us or via postal mail to: Health and Human Services Agency, Mental Health Division, MHSA Project Team, 3057 Briw Road, Placerville, CA 95667.

Then and now: Changing landscapes





The Barton Meadow and Dunlap Ranch are the green

zones adjacent to and above the Tahoe Keys area.

The older picture (courtesy of the Lake Tahoe Historical Society) is from 1939; while the more recent one is from Google Earth this year.

– Bill Kingman

TRPA to discuss draft EIR-EIS for power upgrade

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board will discuss the electrical transmission line upgrades from Kings Beach to Tahoe City on Oct. 23.

CalPeco, the parent company of Liberty Utilities, wants to improve the system in that part of the basin.

On the agenda are the draft environmental impact report and draft environmental impact statement.

The meeting begins at 9:30am at the North Tahoe Events Center in Kings Beach.