Utility work on Hwy. 28 in Kings Beach resumes

AT&T resumed utility relocation work Oct. 2 along the north side of Highway 28 between Bear and Fox streets in Kings Beach.

Lane closures in this area can be anticipated. This road work should continue, weather permitting, through the next several weeks.

For more information on the project, go online.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Barton Auxiliary will receive Barton Foundation's Spirit of Philanthropy award at the gala Dec. 7 – which is part of the Festival of Trees and Lights.

• The magic show "Illusion Fusion" at Horizon in Stateline is offering those with a Lake Tahoe ID a ticket for $10 through Oct. 14.

• *Huffington Post* lists the best resort hot tubs with a view and Ridge Tahoe is one of them.

• Placer County Board of Supervisors approved a construction management contract for a portion of the larger Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project for Highway 28.

• October is when Nevada allows studded snow tires on roads.

Help possible for Mexican citizens in S. Tahoe

The Mexican consul is coming to the South Lake Tahoe Family Resource Center on Oct. 5.

The goal is to help Mexican citizens get Mexican IDs and passports.

The session is from 8am-4pm.

It is necessary to make an appointment by calling 877.639.4825.

For more information, contact the Family Resource Center at (530) 542.0740.

K9 trials set for South Lake Tahoe

The South Lake Tahoe Police Canine Association's 2013 K9 Trials is Oct. 5 beginning at 8am at the Babe Ruth Baseball fields located at 1090 Lyons Ave.

The event is free and open to the public.

More than 50 agencies from California and Nevada will be competing.

Mutt Strut combines dog walking and poker

Billed as the World's Most Beautiful Dog Walk, the annual Mutt Strut returns Oct. 13.

This is the ninth year the Animal Coalition of Tahoe has sponsored the South Lake Tahoe event.

The poker run will begin at the South Lake Tahoe Library (1000 Rufus Allen Boulevard off Lake Tahoe Boulevard) between 11 and 11:30am. Participants will pick playing cards at stops along a 1.3-mile route, hoping for the best poker hands. Prizes will be awarded to those with the best hands. It's not a race and no poker experience is needed.

The fun continues after the walk, with a party at Timber Cove featuring music, giveaways, raffle drawings, and contests such as best trick, hot dog eating, and musical sit.

Poker hands may be purchased for $10 each, or three hands for $25. There is ample free parking in the library parking lot.

ACT is a nonprofit, all-volunteer corporation with the goal of raising funds to support a low-cost spay-neuter program. ACT also donates 10 percent of funds raised to the El Dorado County Animal Shelter.

For more information, call (530) 307.3638 or email

info@tahoeanimals.org.

Firefighters raising funds for breast cancer fund

Don’t be surprised to see South Lake Tahoe firefighters wearing pink this month.

The department is taking a strong stance against breast cancer in October.

A series of events this month are designed to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Donations will be accepted on any engine and ambulance, as well as at each South Lake Tahoe fire station.

There will be a bowling fundraiser on Oct. 25 at Tahoe Bowl. Tahoe Bowl is donating 50 percent of the game and shoe revenue that night toward the fund, as well as 20 percent of dinner profits. For more info, click on the flyer.

Throughout the month SLTFD will be selling the pink shirts for $20. The firefighters union will have a slight benefit from these sales, and a generous donation will be made to the Susan G. Komen.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Johnny Poland, convicted felon and former South Lake Tahoe police officer, will be able to keep his taxpayer-funded retirement – just not at the full rate.

• Floppy's on Kingsbury Grade has new owners – Zion Finck and Courtney Benvenuto. The grand reopening is Oct. 3 from 4:30-6:30pm.

• Truckee photographers and gallery owners Elizabeth and Olof Carmel have released their 2014 landscape photography calendars and Elizabeth Carmel photographic DVD.

• Tahoe National Forest has lifted its fire restrictions.

• There will be a meeting about incorporating Olympic Valley on Oct. 6 at 3pm at PlumpJack in the Squaw Valley Village.

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3 speakers slated for Good Morning Truckee

Good Morning Truckee is a community forum presented by the Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce to provide timely, relevant information on a variety of topics and create a networking opportunity.

The Oct. 8 7-8am event features Jack Thomassan talking about the 2014 HGTV Dream Home being built in Schaffer's Mill, Janet Phillips talking about the Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway and Lisa

Wallace speaking about the Truckee River Watershed Council.

The forum is to the public for a $10 fee, $8 for chamber members. It includes a continental breakfast at the Truckee Airport.

For more information, contact the chamber at (530)587.2757 or info@truckee.com.

Free shuttle eases Apple Hill congestion

El Dorado Transit will operate the free Apple Hill Shuttle every Saturday and Sunday from Oct. 5-27 (weather permitting) between 10am and 5pm.

Parking for the shuttle services will be available at Schnell School in Placerville and the U.S. Forest Service Ranger Station on Eight Mile Road in Camino.

For more information on the Apple Hill Shuttle, call (530) 642.5383.

Then and now: Grover keeps

soothing muscles



Grover Hot Springs in 1965.
Photos/Bill Kingman

Grover Hot Springs State Park, which is four miles west of Markleeville, has been a favorite escape for locals for decades.

The 1965 photo shows the small, rustic rock-lined pool, a wooden fence, and a wooden semi-private changing shed with nails to hang your clothes. There was no bathroom, no attendant, and no charge for admission.





The 2013 photos show the larger, newer pool adjacent to the original (now resurfaced) pool, plus modern dressing rooms, showers, bathrooms, maintenance facilities and the ticket booth.The original changing shed still offers storage.

The pool is open year-round except Wednesdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

– Bill Kingman