El Dorado County taking comments on development

Prompted by resident concerns over proposed housing developments, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors is asking the public for additional feedback. Supervisors are considering a new policy to guide evaluation of large, privately initiated developments that would require a change to the county's General Plan.

The county's Community Development Agency presented a draft policy to the Board of Supervisors at a special workshop on June 27. The new policy would require an "initiation" hearing before the Board of Supervisors for projects that increase the density of residential development beyond what is currently allowed in the General Plan.

Major issues under consideration include whether the policy should apply to all projects requiring a change to the General Plan in addition to residential, and whether the policy should apply to pending projects. Thirteen projects have been submitted to the county which add a combined total of approximately 6,000 new residential units.

The Board of Supervisors directed staff to make the policy available for public comment for 30 days ending Aug. 2. A final decision is expected sometime in September.

Additional information and a copy of the proposed policy is available online.

Pet psychic event benefits SPCA

The SPCA of Northern Nevada presents a workshop with famed local pet psychic Terri Jay.

Learn to communicate with all pets in this one day intensive workshop. Participants will receive Jay’s ebook “Intuitive Messenger Bootcamp”.

Online registration is required.

The event is Aug. 18 from 9am-4pm at 4950 Spectrum Blvd., Reno.

Cost is $99 for one and $179 for two people.

Animal shelter overflowing with kittens and cats

Kitten season is in full swing and the El Dorado County Animal Services shelter in Placerville is reaching out to the community to encourage adoptions.

The Placerville shelter, in partnership with People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County, has temporarily reduced the adoption fee for kittens to $40 and for adult cats to only $20.

The adoption fee for kittens and cats includes a veterinary check, vaccinations, microchip, and spay or neuter. The shelter is located at 511 Placerville Drive in Placerville and

is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30am to noon and 1-4:30pm. Pictures of the kittens and cats can be found online. The website is updated hourly.

To reach the shelter with questions about adoption or the animal foster care program, call (530) 621.7631.

5-day youth environmental camp in Tahoe

The Lake Tahoe Humane Society is putting on a youth environmental camp July 15-19.

Youth will explore wildlife habitats and learn how to protect animal's homes. Participants explore forests and creeks and study wildlife replicas.

Hands on activities include a waste timeline project and decorating reusable eco-bags. Pet related activities include games, making toys for homeless animals, learning how domestic animals and wildlife can coexist and how to protect the Tahoe environment every day.

This is for ages 8-11. Cost is $50.

For more info and to register, call Liz Maul at (530) 542.2857.

Tahoe Fund focusing on 4 environmental projects

The Tahoe Fund is looking for money to pay for four projects.

The projects include beach improvements at Sand Harbor State Park, Asian clam control in Emerald Bay, a mile of bike trail along the West Shore, and a bridge across Angora Creek in Washoe Meadows State Park.

Interested donors can learn more about these projects on the Tahoe Fund website.

The Tahoe Fund is the first and only nonprofit in the Lake Tahoe Basin dedicated to raising money for environmental improvement projects to ensure a sustainable Tahoe for future generations. The group focuses on environmental improvement projects that restore lake clarity, improve recreation and build a strong sense of environmental stewardship in the region.

The 2013 Signature Projects will be highlighted at the Tahoe Fund’s 3rd annual Founders Circle Summer Dinner on Aug. 18 at the Hyatt in Incline.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Mary Morris has been hired by South Lake Tahoe to be the administrative services director.

• Barton Foundation's 19th annual golf tournament last month raised nearly $14,000 for the foundation's Community Health Endowment.

• Martis Camp, the private golf-ski community in Truckee, has 77 property sale commitments totaling $100 million since Jan. 1, the highest volume to date for a six-month sales period.

• Douglas County is having a valley visions workshop July 15 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Carson Valley Inn.

• Baby-Friendly USA, a program sponsored by the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund, says Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center is a baby-friendly birth facility.

Nevada taking orders for anniversary plates

Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles is taking orders for the special license plates commemorating the state's 150th anniversary.

These are limited edition plates.

Distribution begins July 29.

Proceeds will fund the yearlong celebration that will conclude on Nevada Day in 2014.

Teens can experience 3 indoor paintball venues

Teens can spend three days in a paintball camp Aug. 12-14.

The camp is put on by the South Lake Tahoe Parks and Recreation Department.

Preregistration is required.

Bring long pants, long shirt, tennis shoes, baseball cap, swim clothing, extra clean clothing, sunscreen, lunch, a water bottle. Campers will go to the Reno Indoor Paintball facility, Squaw Valley paint ball, and Capital Edge Paintball in Sacramento.

Cost is $225.

For more info, email Jen Menzel at jmenzel@cityofslt.us.

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• Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department's annual wine tasting is July 27 at 5pm at Fire Station No. 9.

• Greensky Bluegrass will be playing the Phish after-party on July 30 at Blu Nightclub at MontBleu in Stateline.

• The Bicycle Advisory Committee of the South Lake Tahoe Recreation Facilities Joint Powers Authority will meet July 12 from 9–11am in the upstairs conference room at Lake Tahoe Airport.

• El Dorado County Office of Vital Statistics will expand its hours July 15 to Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm, with processing of documents ending at 4pm.

• The Ragnar Trail Relay Run is July 26-27 at Sierra-at-Tahoe.

Camp-build-ride weekend for mountain bikers

TAMBA is putting on a camp-build-ride weekend July 19-21.

Camping provided Friday and Saturday at Campground by the Lake, TAMBA Trail Day on Saturday building the new Monument Pass connector, and rides of varying difficulty on Sunday.

Rebecca Rusch, who recently completed a world-record ride on the 142-mile Kokopelli Trail, will be giving a presentation July 19 at Sports Ltd. in South Lake Tahoe starting at 7:30pm. There will be social hour starting at 6pm. Cost is $15.

Go online for more info about the three days.