Phone scammers calling NV Energy customers

A scam is targeting NV Energy customers.

The utility is warns people that callers are identifying themselves as company employees who then threaten to disconnect the power if a credit card payment or cash transfer is not made over the phone immediately.

The utility does not call customers to solicit payments. Instead, 10-day and 48-hour notices are sent via U.S. mail.

People who receive a suspicious call should call law enforcement or NV Energy at (775) 834.4444.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

• League to Save Lake Tahoe's office in South Lake Tahoe has a demonstration garden where people can take a self-guided tour to learn about Tahoe native plants.

• South Lake Tahoe's STAR Teen Camp Overnight Camping & Hiking is July 29-31. Cost is $150. For info, email Jen Menzel at jmenzel@cityofslt.us.

• The Tahoe Grizzlies Bantam hockey team was at the Capitol recently to receive certificates congratulating the players for winning the state championship.

• What is daily news in Lake Tahoe worth to you? Let *Lake*

Tahoe News know by filling out this paid subscriber form.

• The Lake Tahoe Outreach Collaborative is conducting a survey to find out what the public thinks are the most important things people can do to help protect Lake Tahoe. The survey results will be used to inform the creation of a new Environmental Stewardship Messaging campaign for the Tahoe region. The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and can be found online.

DUI checkpoint in Douglas County on July 4

Several Northern Nevada law enforcement agencies will be teaming up and "Joining Forces" this Independence Day as an additional security measure in providing for a safe holiday weekend.

On Thursday afternoon and evening, police officers from the Reno and Sparks police departments, deputies from the Washoe and Lyon county sheriff's offices, and troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol will be conducting the administrative road block on Highway 50 in Douglas County. Motorists passing through the checkpoint will be briefly greeted by one of the law enforcement officers.

Those motorists who show signs of alcohol and/or drug use will be directed to the secondary screening area for further evaluation. Once at the secondary screening area, standardized field sobriety tests will be administered and those who fail these tests will be placed under arrest.

Business crime prevention class in Placer County

Placer County Sheriff's Office is offering a free class to help business owners protect their businesses and themselves.

The class will be Aug. 19 from 5:30-8:30pm at the Placer County Sheriff's Office in Auburn. Topics to be discussed include: identity theft and counterfeiting; dealing with transients; high-tech crimes; business security; crime reporting and arrests; internal theft; and trespassing and parking concerns.

RSVP by Aug. 15 to attend. Call CSOs Amanda Rogers or Kim Rivera at (530) 889.6922, or email arogers@placer.ca.gov or krivera@placer.ca.gov to reserve a spot or for more information.

History to come to life at Ehrman mansion

Pine Lodge, the Ehrman family mansion at Sugar Pine Point State Park, will host Living History Day – a celebration of lakeshore life in the 1930s – on July 27 from 10am-3pm.

Living history activities will include tours, children's

activity zone, antique car show, live music, hourly raffles and a silent auction, and a wooden boats display. Refreshments will be available for purchase. All events are free, though parking is $10.

Park visitors will be treated like guests of the late Florence and Sydney Ehrman, with many activities – concerts, historical talks, movies, painting with artists-in-residence and guided tours, all of them free. Entrance to the mansion is available on a first come, first serve basis. (Tours of the mansion are usually priced at $5 for adults and $3 for juniors.)

The Ehrmans were a wealthy San Francisco family who summered at the lake for 45 years.

Bring swimwear and towels to take advantage of the estate's beach. A bathhouse is available for changing clothes. Those who would like to picnic on the vast lawn overlooking the lake can bring their own lunch or buy hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecued chicken, ice cream bars and soft drinks on site.

Rural firefighting fees about to be mailed

At the direction of Calfire and as mandated by law, later this month the California State Board of Equalization will begin mailing fire prevention fee bills for fiscal year 2012-13 to owners of habitable structures located in a state responsibility area.

This includes people in the unincorporated areas of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

The BOE will update the billing schedule on its fire prevention fee website.

The Board of Forestry adopted new SRA boundary lines in May that will exclude some property owners from fee assessment in 2013-14 billing cycle.

Bill recipients who believe they should not have received a fire prevention fee bill may file an appeal, which is referred to as a petition for redetermination. A petition must be filed within 30 days of the date printed on the bill. Visit the fire prevention fee webpage for a copy of the petition form.

For more info, call 888.310.6447.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Aspen Grove Owners Association has filed the paperwork to try to stop Northstar from building the Forest Flyer.

• As part of the Tahoe Art League 2013 Studio Tour, Bona Fide HQ will host Ken McNutt, Gloria McNutt Hildinger and David McNutt. Their work includes paintings, prints, pottery and more. The TAL Studio Tour takes place July 26-28 and Aug. 2-4, 10am-5pm. Bona Fide HQ is at 1069 Magua St. in Meyers behind the Getaway Cafe.

• The Tahoe Fat Tire Festival is Sept. 13-15 at Squaw Valley.

• STAR Camp is going to Wild Island on July 11 and Aug. 1. Cost is $35. Preregistration is required. Call (530) 542.6056

to register or for more info.

• The Deerfield Lodge in South Lake Tahoe is changing ownership.

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9 gardens on Incline tour

Tahoe Treasures Tour is a peek at nine unusual Incline Village homes, alpine gardens, and art collections.

Tea and tapas will be served at two locations. Raffle and boutique also.

The event benefits AAUW Nevada Tahoe college scholarship fund.

The tour begins at North Lake Tahoe Demonstration Garden, Sierra Nevada College, 999 Tahoe Blvd.

The event is Aug. 10 from 11am-4pm.

Tickets are $35 or $40 after Aug. 1; email nicholas89451@gmail.com.

Grocery Outlet helping to stop hunger

Grocery Outlet is putting on the third annual Independence from Hunger food drive.

During the past two Julys, Grocery Outlet stores and their customers collectively donated more than half a million dollars

Here’s how to help:

Look for specially-marked food items at Grocery Outlet. These are items that the local food assistance agencies have requested. Purchase those items and place them in the collection bin at the front of the store.

Tell a Grocery Outlet cashier that you’d like to make a cash donation at the register. Donations will go directly to the local food assistance agencies in your community.

Pick-up information at a Grocery Outlet store about hunger, food insecurity and local/national resources for people in need.

Maritime museum hosting holiday boat parade

Tahoe Maritime Museum is putting on a July 4th boat parade.

Meet in front of Commons Beach in Tahoe City (don’t go in too close, it is shallow), just west of the Tahoe City Marina at 11:45am. The parade will start at noon and cruise down the West Shore, ending in front of Obexer’s Marina.

The Stardust, the museum’s ride boat, will lead the parade.

Register with Christine by calling (530) 525.9253, ext. 104.