

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- The Fair Play wineries have a new website.

- America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride on June 2 is almost sold out, with less than 200 spots left. For more information and to register, go online.

- Earth Day is officially April 22. Here are some regional events: April 20, 9am-4pm, Tahoe-Truckee Earth Day at Squaw Valley Village; April 21, 10am-6pm: Reno Earth Day at Idlewild Park; April 27, 10am-4pm, South Lake Tahoe Earth Day at Bijou Community Park .

- In accordance with the municipal NPDES Storm Water Permit for Runoff Discharges in the Lake Tahoe Hydrologic Unit, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, and Placer County have submitted Pollutant Load Reduction Plans describing how their respective municipalities will reduce fine sediment particle and nutrient loading to Lake Tahoe to meet established requirements. The submitted plans include measures taken since the Lake Tahoe TMDL baseline was established in 2004 and extend until the end of the existing permit term in 2015. The plans are available for review on the Lahontan Water Board website.

South Tahoe names honorary mayor



David Kelly

There's a new mayor in South Lake Tahoe starting today.

David Kelly on Tuesday was made the city's honorary mayor for one week starting April 3.

In issuing the proclamation, Mayor Tom Davis spoke of Kelly's dedication of time and energy to the community, most notable for seniors and those with disabilities.

While he wasn't given a gavel or invited to sit with the rest of the council, Kelly said he was honored by the gesture.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

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- Caesars Entertainment, parent company of Harrah's Lake Tahoe and Harveys, has received a 100 percent score on the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index six years in a row.

- A slew of meetings in April are designed to figure out the future of Truckee Tahoe Airport. More info is online.
- Old Brockway Golf Course in Kings Beach broke a record from 1995 when it opened March 16. The earliest opening date had been March 24.
- Ryan Sheltra is now vice chairman of the Nevada Commission on Tourism.
- Bijou Golf Course is open. The April 1 opening is the earliest opening date in the South Lake Tahoe links' history.

Pinning ceremony for South Tahoe firefighters

South Lake Tahoe Fire Department is hosting a Badge Pinning Ceremony on April 4 at 4pm in the City Council chambers located at 1901 Airport Road.

The following fire fighters will be recognized:

- Kenin Fairley on his promotion to shift commander
- Doug Bailey on his promotion to fire engineer
- Dylan Fuchs on being hired as a firefighter-paramedic

- Mike Taormina on being hired as a firefighter-paramedic.

This ceremony is open to the public.

Turn in prescription drugs in Tahoe area

There will be a free Medication Take Back Day on April 27 in Truckee and Tahoe City.

Drop off unneeded or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications safely, effectively, and anonymously between 9am and 1pm at Gateway Shopping Center in front of Safeway, 11290 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, and North Tahoe Fire Protection District, Station No. 51, 222 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City.

Mark out personal info on Rx bottles.

For information email FWDD@ttcf.net or call (530) 546.1924.

Free tax preparation on South Shore

AARP is sponsoring free tax preparation to residents of California and Nevada of all ages.

This service is available:

April 4 2-6pm

April 5 9am-1pm

April 6 9am-1pm

April 11 2-6pm

April 12 9am-1pm

April 13 9am 1pm.

Bring your Social Security card, ID, 2012 tax documents and last year's tax return to the South Lake Tahoe Senior Center, 3050 Lake Tahoe Blvd.

For more information, call (530) 573.3130.

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- Tom and Diane Miller, who owe South Lake Tahoe about \$40,000 in back rent for their Flight Deck restaurant at Lake Tahoe Airport, may have their lease agreement amended April 2 when the City Council discusses it.
- Walley's Hot Spring plans to begin work this spring on an extension of the Genoa Vista Trail behind the resort.
- Gregory Eyre has been named Barton Health's Doctor of the Year.
- Here is the Caltrans weekly roadwork schedule for El Dorado-Tahoe.
- Lake Tahoe Wildfire Awareness Week is May 25-June 2. The flyer has more info.

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Joann
Marchetta

- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Executive Director Joanne Marchetta was named Public Servant of the Year at the 59th annual Community Awards dinner hosted by the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association and Chamber of Commerce.
- Larry Ellison, the billionaire chief of Oracle, has his 2.62-acre Glenbrook compound on the market for \$28.5 million. His second Tahoe estate in Incline Village is almost ready to move into.
- The Douglas County Planning Commission on April 9 (not before 1pm) will discuss the South Shore Area Plan and related documents. A vote is expected. The meeting is in Minden.
- The Placer County Board of Supervisors voted March 26 to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month throughout the county.

Then and now: The Y before it was outlet stores



In the 1950s and 1960s, the Inks brothers of Sacramento had grocery stores at various times in Bijou (now CVS), Al Tahoe (now market and Video Library), and Tahoe Valley (now Factory Stores at the Y).

The 1966 photo (courtesy Bob Rockwell) shows Inks at the Y with the distant Lampson's Trading Center sign above the Cornet 5-10 store. Just beyond the Cornet store (but not visible here) was a popular watering hole called Tahoe Tropics, on roughly today's Subway site.

A much earlier Lampson's Trading Center also included a market, bank, real estate office, U.S. Post Office, and a two-pump 76 gas station.



The 1973 photo (mine) shows the razing of the complex which was replaced by the Lampson Plaza with a sparkling new (but short-lived) Lampson's Market.

That space became a sizable Thrifty Drug Store, but it closed, too.

Approximately 1980, with the sudden popularity of “outlet stores,” Lampson Plaza became rebranded as today’s Factory Stores at the Y.



The color photo (mine) today is about where the 1966 Inks’ market was, while the newer-built 1970s Lampson’s Market and then Thrifty Drug Store each were located in the wing most-recently vacated by Adidas and about to become Big 5 Sporting Goods.

– Bill Kingman

S. Tahoe schedules neighborhood meeting

There will be a Neighborhood Service Team meeting on April 25 from 5:30-7pm for Area No. 4, which includes Al Tahoe, Bijou Pines and Pioneer Village.

South Lake Tahoe has funding to support neighborhood improvement initiatives such as neighborhood signage and other things which exemplify neighborhood pride.

The meeting is at the senior center.