

Storm pipes subject of two League meetings

The League to Save Lake Tahoe will be giving a presentation on the evenings of March 13 and 14 about Pipe Keepers, a new volunteer monitoring program.



Stormwater pipes flow into Lake Tahoe. Photo/LTN file

Pipe Keepers is a volunteer-based monitoring program that examines turbidity (clarity) of water that enters Lake Tahoe and its tributaries through storm drains. The group was created last fall in response to concerns about a neighborhood storm pipe discharging dirty looking water directly into Lake Tahoe. Since the program launched, nine volunteers have collected more than 200 samples from neighborhood storm pipes. The program will expand this spring to include additional volunteers and pipes.

The presentation and discussion will focus on storm drain pipes in Tahoe, information learned during this pilot season, and opportunities to become involved.

The March 13 presentation will be at Lake Tahoe Community College board room at 6pm and the March 14 presentation will be at Incline Village General Improvement District Public Works meeting room at 6pm.

For more information, contact Nicole Gergans at (530) 541.5388 or Nicole@keeptahoeblue.org.

Always yield to emergency vehicles



When you see an emergency vehicle either coming from behind or toward you with its red lights and siren sounding, please give the right-of-way to that ambulance, fire truck, or police car by pulling over to the right side of the road and stopping.

Even if you are in the center turn lane, it's the law that you yield to the right side of the street without blocking the intersection.

Once the vehicles have passed, it is then safe to resume your normal travel path.

– *Sallie Ross-Filgo, South Lake Tahoe Fire Department*

Wine tasting benefits Sugar Pine Foundation

The Sugar Pine Foundation is putting on a wine tasting and fundraising at Ben's Fine Wines & Spirits in south Reno on March 8 from 5-10pm.

The event will feature wine from five El Dorado County vineyards: Madrona, Fenton Herriott, Boeger, Lava Cap and Holly's Hill.

There will also be hors d'oeuvres, a photography expose about the Sugar Pine Foundation, and a wine-centric live auction and raffle.

The cost is \$15.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- The March 5 South Lake Tahoe City Council meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is March 19 at 9am at Lake Tahoe Airport.

- South Tahoe Public Utility District's board is having a workshop March 6 from 2-5pm to discuss the budget and 10-year capital improvement plan. The meeting is at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe.

- The first weekend in March marks the beginning of SnowFest in North Lake Tahoe, as well as the return of the Rahlves'

Banzai to Squaw Valley.

- Pollard Station is proposed to be an age-restricted senior neighborhood located on the 8.05-acre Davies/Fitch property in the 37.8-acre Hilltop Master Plan area of Truckee. For more information, contact planner Jaime LaChance at (530) 582,2927 or jlachance@townoftruckee.com.
 - Eric Lamoureux, 43, of Placerville has been appointed deputy director of the office of public affairs at the California Department of General Services, where he has served since 2010.
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- State Sen. Ted Gaines and Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, who represent the South and West shores in the Legislature, will be hosting a community coffee March 1 from 9-10:30am at Riva Grill, 900 Ski Run Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.
- Mark Estee, owner and chef of Campo in Reno, is a semifinalist for Best Chef from James Beard.
- Tahoe City Transit Center was named the Overall Winner of the 2012 Western Red Cedar Architectural Design Awards.
- Lake Tahoe Community College's Friends of Ally Club and Counseling Department are hosting a forum March 1 at 7pm about the impact of LGBTQ identity on career choice, career development and career success. For more info, click on the flyer.

S. Tahoe starting to work on plan for state line area



South Lake Tahoe is hosting a public workshop on the Tourist Core Area Plan formerly known as the Stateline/Ski Run Community Plan on March 20 from 6-9pm at Lake Tahoe Airport.

City planning staff will be on hand to present information on the updated plan and to gather public input.

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency staff will also be present to discuss the recent adoption of the Regional Plan and its relationship to the Tourist Core Area Plan.

Douglas County starting work on Stateline plan

Douglas County is having a workshop March 1 about the area plan for Stateline.



Area plans are required in the Lake Tahoe Basin per the recently adopted Regional Plan of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

The meeting will be in the TRPA board room (128 Market St., Stateline) from 1:30-5pm.

Comments may be submitted to Douglas County Community Development Department, P.O. Box 218, Minden, NV 89423.

For more info, call (775) 782.6215.

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- Dave Matthews Band will make its first appearance at the Lake Tahoe Outdoor Arena at Harveys in Stateline on Sept. 4. Tickets are available starting March 22.

- Here are Caltrans' roadwork schedules for the week for El Dorado-Tahoe and Sierra.

- Scott Parker has joined the Carson City branch of AAA as the branch manager.

- Barton Women's Health open house is Feb. 26 from 4-6pm. The office is at 2175 South Ave., South Lake Tahoe.

- On March 6 from 6-7pm there is a free lecture on Nutrition and Aging in the board room of Lake Tahoe Community College. Learn about changes to your body as you age; nutrients and supplements to care about; and the truth about weight and exercise.

Ambulance fleet on South Shore upgraded

Three new ambulances are stationed on the South Shore.

There were recently purchased by California Tahoe Emergency Service Operations Authority.



They replaced our three older units that will be used as reserves.

The ambulances are equipped with power load gurneys. The power load system increases the safety for patients and significantly decreases the possibility of back injuries to firefighters. The gurneys are capable of hydraulically lifting any size patient into the ambulance.

Three Zoll “Autopulse” cardiac support units were also purchased. These are automatic CPR machines, which deliver improved blood flow without interruptions during transport. It

also eliminates the fatigue factor by EMS personnel and provides hospital caregivers better access to the patient.

CTESOA is the organization overseen by Lake Valley Fire Protection District and South Lake Tahoe Fire Department which manages the ambulance service. Ambulances are housed at fire stations throughout the area to decrease response times during medical emergencies.

Seminar to focus on employment law

The business community is invited to attend the employment law update “What’s on Your Mind?” on March 1, from 9am-noon at the Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce, 169 Highway 50 in Stateline.



Sponsored by the chamber in partnership with the Sierra Human Resources Association, this seminar includes updated information managers and business professionals need to know for 2013.

The format includes a presentation followed by plenty of time to ask attorneys from California and Nevada questions. David Cohen of Cohen Durrett LLP in Sacramento and Nicole Harvey of Harvey Law Firm in Reno will cover new laws as well as best employment practices in general.

Early bird registration: \$39 for chamber and SHRA members, \$49

for non-members. Beverages and snacks will be provided at 8:30am. Attendees will be able to purchase 2013 employment law products at a discount.

Seating is limited and advance registration is required online.

For more info, call Laura Moriarty at (530) 573.0224 or Emily Abernathy at (775) 588.5900, ext. 303.