

Meeting to focus on Lake Tahoe State Park's future

Nevada Division of State Parks is in the process of updating the Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park's general management plan.

There will be a second public workshop Nov. 16 for the public to provide input on two proposed General Management Plan alternatives.

The workshop is from 7-9pm in the lobby of the Richard H. Bryan building at 901 South Stewart St. in Carson City. It will begin with a presentation on the two alternatives, followed by an opportunity to discuss preferences, issues, and other comments with state park staff.

Contact Jay Howard for more information at (775) 831.0494, ext. 229.

Improper disposal of hot ashes could ignite unwanted fire

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit is reminding residents to use caution when disposing of woodstove or fireplace ashes. Ashes can remain live and capable of starting a fire for several days, even when they appear to be out.

Last fall, twice people along Pioneer Trail dumped their woodstove ashes onto national forest system lands just beyond their property boundary. Forest Service and Lake Valley fire crews were able to contain the resulting wildfires at less than a quarter acre each. The residents were cited “for negligently placing any material that could start a fire,” which carries a \$350 fine.

They could also have been held responsible for the costs of fire suppression.

“Even when there’s snow on the ground, ashes can retain enough heat to melt through the snow and cause a fire,” Forest Service fire prevention officer Beth Brady said in a statement. “Protect yourself, your neighbors and our forest lands by learning how to properly dispose of ashes.”

Place discarded ashes in a heavy metal container, douse them with water and cover with a fitted metal lid. Store the container outside, away from structures, decks, fences, wood piles and other combustible materials.

Contact your local trash collection agency for their disposal recommendations after ashes have cooled and embers are out.

Never use a vacuum cleaner to pick up ashes.

Dinner at Ernie’s to help S. Tahoe woman with cancer

Ernie’s Coffee Shop is donating 50 percent of its proceeds from dinner on Nov. 9 to help Chris Alper in her fight against breast cancer.

A South Lake Tahoe local for 33 years, Alper was recently diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer. She has worked at the local car dealership Cardinale Way Toyota (formerly Shehadi Motors) for more than 14 years. Two surgeries have left her in need of assistance with medical bills and living expenses during her recuperation and treatment.

The dinner is Friday form 5-8pm. Ernie's is at 1207 Emerald Bay Road, South Lake Tahoe.

There will also be a raffle and silent auction.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Gia Richards at (916) 704.6900 or grichards@cherrycreekradio.com. An account for Alper has been set up at Bank of the West: Christine Alper, Account No. 029201988.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- *Outside* magazine ranked the best ski resorts in North America. Here is how Tahoe area (including Mammoth) resorts came out: No. 1 Squaw Valley, No. 5 Mammoth, No. 13 Heavenly, No. 22 Northstar, No. 25 Sugar Bowl, No. 27 Kirkwood, No. 34 Sierra, and No. 27 Alpine.
- There will be a meeting Nov. 8 at 6pm at North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach to see if enough people want to keep the North Tahoe Little League going. For more info, email northtahoell@hotmail.com.
- Soroptimist International of Truckee Donner's annual toy drive begins Nov. 16. If you need to know where to find a red

barrel to put the toy in, call Alissa at (530) 587.6681, ext. 11 or email alissaj@mountainhomecenter.com.

- South Tahoe Cancer League's annual See's Candy sale begins Nov. 15 at the Raley's shopping center at the Y, next to Starbucks.
- For the Dec. 29-31 SnowGlobe music fest in South Lake Tahoe a hotline (530.542.7429) has been set up to record information and/or concerns.

North Shore ski resorts want 'food fight' participants

Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows are embarking on year two of their friendly competition to raise money for Project MANA, a Truckee-North Lake Tahoe hunger relief organization.

Each resort has donated \$500, for a total of \$1,000, to get the Food Fight started, and guests are encouraged to join the fight and pitch in on behalf of their favorite resort to help alleviate hunger in the community during the holiday season.

Now through New Year's Day, guests of Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows can donate to Project MANA through the resorts' online stores or as part of any lift ticket or season pass purchase. One hundred percent of donations will go directly to Project MANA.

Project MANA's role is to make sure individuals and families have enough to eat during the tough times. Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows appreciate the many members of the community

and guests who joined them and made a donation to Project MANA.

Expect to see smoke on South Shore this week from controlled burns

U.S. Forest Service fuels management crews will conduct prescribed fire operations in the Kiva Beach area near the Taylor Creek Visitors Center on Nov. 7.

Crews anticipate burning 2 acres, conditions permitting.

Operations at Kiva Beach may last through Thursday.

In addition, prescribed fire operations will take place at High Meadow on Nov. 8. Crews anticipate burning 5 acres, conditions permitting, through Saturday.

Residents and visitors can expect to see smoke from these prescribed fire project areas. The Forest Service strives to minimize the impacts of smoke on local communities. Smoke-sensitive residents should consider staying indoors and keeping doors, windows and outside vents closed. To directly receive prescribed fire updates, send an email to pa_ltbmu@fs.fed.us.

Forest Service staff will post road signs around areas affected by prescribed fire, and update the local fire information line at (530) 543.2600, No. 6.

Party for Sierra Avalanche Center

Sierra Avalanche Center is having a Winter Stoke Throwback party on Nov. 10 at 7pm.

Vintage ski wear is encouraged because there will be a costume contest.

Live music, raffle and ski boot dance off are part of the festivities at the American Legion in South Lake Tahoe.

TOCCATA sets dates for holiday concerts

Tahoe Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will present five performances of its annual holiday production which includes selections from parts 1 and 3 of Handel's Messiah and favorite carols.

Performances are Dec. 7, 14, 16, 19, and 23 in and around the Tahoe-Reno area.

Contact TOCCATA at (775) 313.9697 for more information.

S. Tahoe doggie daycare helping victims of Sandy

Tahoe Best Friends, a cage free doggie daycare and home-style boarding center in South Lake Tahoe, is supporting the efforts of two relief organizations in wake of devastation from superstorm Sandy.

On Nov. 10-11, Tahoe Best Friends will offer free doggie daycare between 7am and 7pm. In exchange for free doggie daycare, Tahoe Best Friends is accepting donations that will all go directly to the Red Cross Relief of Hurricane Sandy and the ASPCA Hurricane Sandy Relief funds.

If you bring your best friend in for some fun, you will get a charitable tax receipt.

This offer for a free doggie daycare is for anyone with a dog-friendly dog that is fully vaccinated.

Make reservations online or call (530) 542.2336.

Truckee police calls to be routed to sheriff's office after hours

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office has assumed operation of the Regional Dispatch Center in Nevada City.

Sheriff's office dispatchers will answer all 911 calls and handle all radio traffic for the sheriff's office and the

Nevada City, Truckee and Grass Valley police departments.

Each agency's regular business telephone line will be answered by the respective department during regular business hours, 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

After hours and on holidays, calls to the business lines will be forwarded to the Regional Dispatch Center and answered by Nevada County dispatchers.

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