

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- At the Sept. 12 Lake Tahoe Unified School District board meeting the elected are expected to approve a 2 percent salary increase for Superintendent Jim Tarwater. This brings his annual base salary to \$188,917.81, with an additional \$3,428 for his master's and doctorate stipend, for a total of \$192,345.81. This is retroactive to Jan. 1. His contract is now good through June 2020.
 - Suicide Prevention Awareness and Mental Health 101 will be presented entirely in Spanish on Sept. 12, 5-7pm at the Family Resource Center on Spruce Avenue in South Lake Tahoe.
 - El Dorado County Republican Party is hosting a dinner to honor first responders. It will be Sept. 21 starting at 5:30pm at the Rescue Community Center, 4180 Green Valley Road in Rescue. Guest speakers include Assemblyman Kevin Kiley; El Dorado County District 3 Supervisor Brian Veerkamp (former El Dorado Hills fire chief); and Sheriff John D'Agostini. Dinner tickets are \$30 per person, or \$35 at the door. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to fire and law enforcement charities. To purchase tickets, contact Todd White at 530.417.0807 or Terry Gherardi at 530.677.4294.
 - According to a study by UC Davis, Highway 50 in El Dorado County is the 10th worst highway in the state when it comes to vehicle accidents involving wildlife.
 - FireFest will be at the Hard Rock Lake Tahoe on Sept. 30 from 10am-3pm.
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- The South Lake Tahoe Optimist Club is having its semi-annual pancake breakfast on Sept. 16 from 8-11am at South Tahoe High School near the tennis courts. For \$5, people get eggs, sausage, pancake, juice and coffee. Money goes toward youth programs in the community.
- Phyllis Keller and Wayne Woolway will give insights on riding in the Sierra and tackling the Tahoe Rim Trail by horseback. It will be Oct. 5, 6-8pm at Galena Creek Visitor Center, 18250 Mount Rose Highway, Reno.
- There will be a blood drive Sept. 15 from 9am-1pm in the South Tahoe Association of Realtors' conference room, 2307 James Ave., South Lake Tahoe.
- Tahoe XC Junior Mountain Riders Program runs Sept. 11-Oct. 16. Weekly club rides focus on developing safe, strong, responsible riders through instruction, practice, and fun in a healthy, supportive environment.
- The Truckee Town Council is meeting Sept. 12 at 7pm at the airport to discuss cannabis.

Nevada officers going after drunken drivers

Now through Sept. 15 Douglas County sheriff's deputies and Nevada Highway Patrol officers are increasing efforts to keep impaired drivers and riders off the streets.

Officers say impaired driving is consistently the most common

cause of motor vehicle crashes resulting in injuries and deaths in Nevada. There is someone injured in a car accident every two minutes, and someone killed every 53 minutes in the United States involving an impaired driver.

Drivers and riders are encouraged to know the law for blood alcohol levels and abide by the following guidelines:

- Designate a sober driver before drinking.
 - Use a ride service, call a sober friend, family member or use public transportation.
 - Call 911 if a suspected drunken driver is seen on the road.
 - Take the keys, hide the keys or assist in making other arrangements for someone who is about to drive who is impaired.
 - Call law enforcement, it is better for the impaired driver to be arrested than to have them involved in an accident.
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- The Truckee Marathon (and half marathon) are Sept. 24. For more info, go **online**.
- More than a dozen pets found homes last month when designer Scott Corridan stepped up to sponsor the adoption fees at the Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe.
- There will be a workshop in Truckee about transit on Sept. 11 from 1-3pm at the Truckee Donner Senior Apartments on Estates Drive.
- Douglas County received the certificate of achievement

for excellence in financial reporting by Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its annual financial report for the 2016 fiscal year.

· Sept. 17 is the Emerald Bay Trail Run. It starts at Eagle Point, goes around Emerald Bay and up the Rubicon Trail to D.L. Bliss State Park to finish at Lester Beach. The course is a 7 miles. For more info, go **online**.

Cocktail event to benefit Barton Foundation

Barton Foundation's 8th annual Cocktails for a Cause will feature South Lake Tahoe's best bartenders in a friendly competition to create Tahoe's best mixed drink.

Guests will be able to sample the cocktails throughout the competition, listen to live music and munch on heavy appetizers.

The event is Oct. 4 from 5:30-8pm at the Riva Grill in South Lake Tahoe.

Tickets are available for **\$40 in advance** or \$45 at the door. All proceeds will benefit Barton's mental health programs.

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- From the National Weather Service in Reno: "Increasing chances for T-storms this week. Some storms will be strong and produce heavy rainfall, especially on Wednesday."
 - Northern Nevada farmers, chefs, and brewers are putting on Supper in the Street in downtown Sparks on Sept. 21, 5:30-8pm on Victorian Square. Regular tickets are \$40 person, and VIP tickets with fast pass seating are \$55 per person. Details and reservations are available **online**.
 - A glider based in Minden set a world record in Argentina on Sept. 3 when it flew higher than 52,000 feet. Jim Payne and Morgan Sandercock were at the controls of the Airbus Perlan Mission II.
 - Douglas County sheriff's Explorers received \$1,000 for assisting with the Fore the Kids golf tournament in Genoa last month.
 - After 25 years, Michael Berry is retiring as chief executive of the National Ski Areas Association. Parker Riehle is taking his place.
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- There will be a public hearing on Lake Tahoe Community College's 2017-18 budget on Sept. 12 at 6:15pm.
- Orthopedic surgeon Jeff Orr is now with Barton Health's Tahoe Center for Orthopedics.
- Women's cancer support group offers a safe,

confidential environment where women with cancer, or with a history of cancer, can meet others and address their challenges. The next meetings are Sept. 26 and Oct. 26, 6-7pm in the board room at Barton Memorial Hospital.

- Outwest LGBTQ Film Fest will be at Lake Tahoe Community College on Sept. 21 at 7pm. It will be a fundraiser for the Lake Tahoe Pride equality scholarship.

- All Colors of the Rainbow, a discussion about the LGBT community, will be Sept. 12 at 6pm at the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City. It is free. For more info, call 775.690.3913.

Lecture about the signs of suicide

Signs of Suicide is the topic of a free lecture on Sept. 6.

Alisa Merino with Suicide Prevention Network will give the talk at Lake Tahoe Community College's board room from 6-7pm.

She will delve into how to identify people who may have thoughts of suicide and connect people to life-saving resources.

Support group for survivors

of suicide

A survivors of suicide loss support group meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 6-7pm.

Community members who have lost a loved one to suicide are encouraged to attend this monthly support group.

It is not uncommon in this unexpected struggle to feel unable to just survive let alone move forward.

The gathering is at the Barton Public Relations Office, 2092 Lake Tahoe Blvd., Suite 400, South Lake Tahoe.

Applications available for SLT roads commission

South Lake Tahoe is looking for five to seven people to be on the Roads Management Authority Commission.

This panel will recommend to the City Council how to spend the money generated by Measure C. Measure C will be on the Nov. 7 ballot. If approved, it would increase of the city's sales tax by one-half of 1 percent. The money would only be used for city streets.

The commission will exist for the length of the measure – 15 years – with the start date being Jan. 1. Each member will serve four years, with no term limits. The initial commission will consist of three people appointed to a four-year term and the balance of the commission appointed for a two-year term in order to stagger the terms.

The City Council will appoint all members.

Any resident of South Lake Tahoe who is eligible to vote may apply. Applications are due at 5pm Oct 3. They are available **online** under City Clerk-Boards and Commissions.