

Thomas the Tank party at S. Tahoe library

The South Lake Tahoe library is hosting a Thomas the Tank Engine Party on March 10 at 2pm.

Celebrate Thomas with games, crafts, stories and other fun.

The library is at 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.

For more information, call (530) 573.3185.

Contest for students to demonstrate water efficiency

By Diana Lambert, Sacramento Bee

The Water Spots Video Contest will offer cash prizes to high school students who create the best videos encouraging outdoor water efficiency.

The contest is open to high school students from Sacramento, Placer and El Dorado counties, and the city of West Sacramento.

Winners will be announced at a Sacramento River Cats game, and winning spots will be displayed on the giant screen at Raley Field. The winning students' teachers also will earn cash prizes.

The grand prize winner's spot will become part of a Regional

Water Authority's television advertisement and campaign this year promoting a new efficiency program.

Videos must show people how to use outdoor water more efficiently.

The contest is a partnership between the Regional Water Authority and *Sacramento Bee's* Media in Education program

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- March is National Small Press month. Celebrate by dropping into Bona Fide HQ (1069 Magua St., No. 4, Meyers) to support the area's only small press by purchasing one of their titles like "Permanent Vacation" and check out the selection of books by local authors.
- Jack Wagner, 2011 American Century Celebrity Golf Championship winner, will be back July 20-22 to defend his title. But before he returns to Lake Tahoe he will be competing in ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" this month.
- Check out this website to find out what dogs and autism have to do with one another.
- The North American Snowsports Journalist Association national conference is on the South Shore March 5-9.
- Storytime will be presented completely in Spanish at the South Lake Tahoe library at 6pm March 7, 14, 21, and 28.

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- Lake Tahoe locals receive free admission to the Tahoe Maritime Museum in Homewood on March 10 and April 14.

- Since setting goals in 2008 to reduce energy consumption at its ski resorts, Vail Resorts says it has reduced energy use by 10 percent, and plans to cut use by another 10 percent by 2020.
- Spin-A-Yarn at the South Lake Tahoe library is Wednesdays 5–7 pm through May and the first Saturday of each month. This is an informal gathering of knitters and crocheters. All ages and experience levels are welcome.
- Here is the weekly roadwork schedule from Caltrans for the Sierra and El Dorado-Tahoe.
- The Truckee Donner Land Trust this month put in a bid to buy the 3,000-acre Royal Gorge property on Donner Summit.

Snow Fiesta benefits North

Shore organizations

North Tahoe Family Resource Center and Adventure Risk Challenge are celebrating Snow Fiesta on March 10 from 6-10pm at the North Lake Tahoe Event Center.

This is a drug and alcohol-free family event.

Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds benefit the North Tahoe FRC and ARC. Kids under 5 are free and 6- to 12-year-olds are \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at the North Tahoe Family Resource Center, Syd's Bagelry & Espresso and Tahoe City, and Bill's Rotisserie in Truckee.

Want to volunteer? Email Jen at jgurecki@berkeley.edu or call (530) 416.5682.

More information is online.

'March Madness' concert at STMS

Lake Tahoe Unified School District's "March Madness" bands in concert is March 7 at 7pm.

The free event is at South Tahoe Middle School.

The concert features 170 middle school and elementary advanced fifth-graders performing for one hour.

El Dorado County asking for input on land use planning

With several high-level planning projects on the horizon, El Dorado County has created a webpage and scheduled a series of community meetings to gather public feedback.

The county is in the process of amending various sections of the General Plan. The General Plan establishes broad policies for how land can be developed throughout the county's western slope.

In addition to the targeted General Plan amendments, the county also aims to comprehensively update the zoning ordinance. The zoning ordinance provides guidance for how General Plan policies apply to each specific parcel of land. State law requires that the zoning ordinance be consistent with the General Plan.

Along with the targeted amendments to the General Plan and zoning ordinance update, the county will simultaneously be updating its travel demand model.

The website provides background information on each project, key decision points, frequently asked questions, timelines and contact information for comments and questions.

Six community meetings have been scheduled where county staff will be presenting an overview of the various projects, processes, time lines and additional opportunities for public involvement. All meetings will run from 6-8pm.

Dates and locations include:

March 5 El Dorado Hills Community Services District Pavilion,

1021 Harvard Way, El Dorado Hills

March 7 South Lake Tahoe City Council Chambers, 1901 Airport Road, South Lake Tahoe

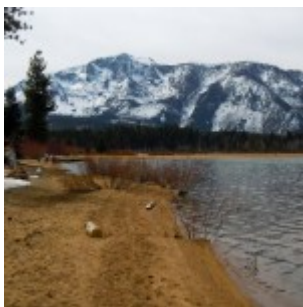
March 12 Pioneer Park Community Center, 6740 Fair Play Road, Somerset

March 15 Cameron Park Community Center, 2502 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park

March 19 Northside School Gym, 860 Cave Valley Road, Cool

March 22 Union Mine High School Library, 6530 Koki Lane, El Dorado.

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- Lake Tahoe is the No. 3 spot to travel for spring deals – especially discounted skiing and lodging rates in March-April – according to Travel-Ticker website.

- What do Johnny Cash and ski resorts have to do with one another? This video by First Track Productions will answer that question.

- The financial pie of lake clarity funding is explained in this video by Tahoe Pipe Club.

- Helen Bansen of Truckee High School won the local Poetry Out Loud contest, and will go to the state Poetry Out Loud

Competition later this month.

- South Lake Tahoe Parks and Recreation Commission is in need of a member with Jennifer Scanio no longer on it because she never attended meetings.

TRPA top exec to speak in Incline

The “fireside chat” originally scheduled for Feb. 27 at Sierra Nevada College with Joanne Marchetta, executive director of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, has been rescheduled for 6-7:30pm March 5 at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences on the campus of Sierra Nevada College at Incline Village.

The subject of the presentation is 21st Century Environmentalism and the Regional Plan update.

Learn how to help during a major emergency

An informational meeting for those interested in joining the Douglas County CERT will be March 7 at 6pm at the Round Hill

Fire Station, Elks Point Road.

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

Family members, fellow employees, and neighbors will spontaneously try to help each other. This was the case following the Mexico City earthquake where untrained, spontaneous volunteers saved 800 people. However, 100 people lost their lives while attempting to save others. This is a high price to pay and is preventable through training.

That's what this training will help do.

People will be giving the facts about what to expect following a major disaster in terms of immediate services and how to help.

More information can be found online or by calling Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District at (775) 588.3591.