

LTUSD kindergarten registration to begin

Registration for kindergarten and transitional kindergarten in Lake Tahoe Unified School District for next school year begins in May.

For kindergarten, children must be 5 before Sept. 1, 2017, and the transitional program they must turn 5 between Sept. 2-Dec. 2, 2017. The transitional program is two years at Tahoe Valley Elementary School.

California law requires the following information:

- Child's birth certificate
- Proof of immunizations, which includes the Varicella (chicken pox), Hepatitis B and for most children, the last booster shot. Children will not be enrolled in school without presenting an up-to-date immunization record.
- Health examination upon entry to school (schedule with your family physician).
- Oral health examination upon entry to school (dental examinations that have occurred in the last 12 months meet this requirement).
- Proof of California residency (lease agreement, mortgage statement, utility statement, etc.).

Call the school to make an appointment for May 1-12:

Bijou Community School 530.543.2337

Sierra House Elementary 530.543.2327

Tahoe Valley Elementary 530.543.2350.

Placer County making winter damage repair easier

Placer County is offering same-day building permit services every Tuesday in the Tahoe City office as a way to speed up the process for what is expected to be a busy spring-summer to deal with winter storm damage.

The Tahoe office can help with permits for repairs, decks, patio covers, signs, pools, minor interior alterations, reroofs, electrical repair, HVAC change-outs, solar panel installation, window and door change-outs and other minor building, electrical, mechanical or plumbing permits.

The office is at 775 North Lake Blvd. or go **online**.

National Pet Day being celebrated in SLT

Tahoe Beach Retreat in South Lake Tahoe will be going to the dogs with the help of Animal Coalition of Tahoe.

On April 11 from 4-8pm there will be a special party in honor of National Pet Day.

TBR will have all kinds of activities taking place in The Tavern: the Heavenly and Sierra-at-Tahoe avalanche dogs will make an appearance, pet psychic Terri Jay will provide mini readings on pets and people (\$20 for 10 minutes), and artist

Will Eichelberger will be displaying his animal art.

Plus, there will be a best dressed dog contest. Entries are \$5, with proceeds going to ACT.

If you bring your dog, you'll receive 25 percent off your tab in The Tavern.

Meeting to address Caltrans work in SLT

Caltrans is hosting a meeting April 12 for people to learn about the upcoming project on two miles of Highway 50 in South Lake Tahoe.

The primary objective of this \$56 million project from the Y to Trout Creek is to collect and treat highway storm water runoff. The project also will help meet the goals of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's environmental improvement program.

The project will widen the roadway to provide 6-foot shoulders for bike lanes, replace traffic signals, rebuild curb, gutter and sidewalks and improve pavement cross slope. Caltrans also is working with South Lake Tahoe to make improvements at Sierra Boulevard with a signal and left turn lane.

The meeting is scheduled from 5:45 to 7pm at the South Lake Tahoe Library, 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd. A project presentation will start at 6pm.

Liberty bills adjusted because of snow covering meters

For Liberty Utilities customers who had meters that could not be read because of the snow, their January and February bills were based on estimated billing. This may have resulted in higher- than-expected bills for those months.

Once an actual read is obtained, Liberty provides an adjusted corrected statement.

Answers to some of the most common question about the estimated billing process are **online**, including examples of where customers will see the estimated and actual reads on statements.

Call 800.782.2506 for more info.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- The Meyers Mountain Bike Festival has been renamed the Tahoe Mountain Biking and Brew Festival. It will be Aug. 26-27.
- The Renaissance Faire at Camp Richardson will be June 10-11. It is from 10am-6pm on Saturday, and ends at 5pm Sunday. For more info, go **online**.

- Doug Sentell has been promoted to sergeant in the South Lake Tahoe Police Department.
 - Heavenly Mountain Resort's ski patrol is having a fundraiser April 8 from 6-10pm at Hard Rock Lake Tahoe. Cost is \$25 for a glass stein for the beer tasting or \$15 for a plastic glass.
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- South Lake Brewing Company will name a beer in honor of TAMBA and contribute a percentage of the proceeds to mountain bike group.
- Economist Rafael Betancourt will discuss Cuba: The Limits of Reform and give his insights on Cuba and sustainable tourism at a free talk April 7, 10:30am-noon at Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, 128 Market St., Stateline.
- The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is launching a statewide radio campaign urging Californians to tell their representatives "heck no" to the proposed \$5 billion a year gas and car tax increase.
- The Assistance League of Sierra Foothills' 8th annual Gardens of the Hills fundraiser Tour and Crafts Fair will be May 6, 10am-5pm and May 7, 11am-5pm. The crafts fair will be at Valley View School gymnasium in El Dorado Hills and is open to the public. Tickets for the garden tour are \$27 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and younger. They may be purchased **online**.
- El Dorado County Supervisor Shiva Frentzen has been appointed to the California controller's committee on county tax collecting procedures.

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- Gary Romano, author of “July & Winter: Growing Food in the Sierra,” will share his hard-earned tips and advice on April 11, 6:30pm, Incline Village Library, 845 Alder Ave. and April 26, 6:30pm, Word After Word Bookshop, 10118 Donner Pass Road, No. 2, Truckee. Books will be available for purchase.
- Douglas County Public Library in Minden is having a children’s book swap April 10 from 3-6pm. Children may bring a book from home and trade it for another book in the swap.
- Tahoe Fund in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service recently installed a “sled corral” at Spooner Summit to give people a place to leave their broken sleds because people thought leaving them on the hillside was an appropriate way to discard trash in the mountains.
- Steve Robison will be teaching an introduction to letterpress class at Bona Fide Books in Meyers on May 13 at 10am. Cost is \$50. Go **online** to sign up.
- America’s Most Beautiful Bike Ride is June 4. For more info, go **online**.

Nevada going after distracted drivers

Law enforcement agencies throughout Nevada will be Joining Forces and focusing on distracted drivers through April 15.

Nevada Highway Patrol will be working diligently to urge motorists to keep your eyes on the road and put away cell phones or other items that cause distractions.

Five seconds is the average time eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 55mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded.

For more information on Joining Forces and other statewide traffic safety programs, go **online**.

Opportunity for youth to journal about nature

Kids' Nature Journal Club is coming to the South Lake Tahoe Library.

This is for youth who love Lake Tahoe and the outdoors. They will be taught skills for exploring the natural world around them and how to capture their adventures in a nature journal.

Some materials will be provided, but everyone is encouraged to bring a notebook and pen. Dress for the weather, explorations will be outside.

The club will be April 8, April 22 and May 13 at 10am at the library, 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd. It is free for children 10 and older.