



TCPUD

QUARTERLY

NEWS

A Report to Our Community  October 2005

Lake Tahoe Outlet Improvements: Lakeside Trail Crossing Dedicated to Community Service

On July 25, 2005, local citizens, county officials, and Federal and State agency representatives, gathered at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for this remarkable project. During the ceremony two individuals were honored for their significant contributions.

Longtime resident Bill Briner was recognized for his key role in encouraging the State to acquire the property at both sides of the dam from private ownership. The opportunity for public improvements at this important site was driven by his vision and determination. Although the site was acquired in 1978, it was subject to long term private leases for another 25 years. Some officials at the State level were not enthusiastic about the opportunity. Bill's vision, determination and commitment to Lake Tahoe were essential to the acquisition.

California Assembly Member Tim Leslie was recognized for providing 20 years of leadership and support to the citizens of North Lake Tahoe. He secured the initial funding to implement an improvement project to help with traffic congestion and public access at the Tahoe City "Y". Tim served as our representative in the State Assembly and in the State Senate for a combined total of twenty years. During these decades of public service,

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TCPUD IMPROVEMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Lakeside Trail Crossing at the Dam

Completion of the initial phase of this project occurred this summer, with the crossing behind the dam operational on July 25, 2005. It has met with overwhelming community support and appreciation. The second phase of the project has been delayed until next year since no bids were received this summer. We are currently in the bidding process again, with the plan of starting construction next year.

Sequoia Crossing

The trail safety project is expected to be complete by November 1, 2005. The project scope involves: lowering the trail grade to 5% for approximately 300 linear feet; increasing vehicle sight distance of the crossing; and construction of retaining walls and slope stabilization. The most visible part of the project will be the flashing warning signs for motorists located 500

and 250 feet in advance of the crossing in both directions. These will automatically activate when trail users pass electronic detection devices.

Highlands Water Tank and Water Distribution Lines

This project is on-schedule for operation by March 2006 and completion of revegetation of the site by July, 2006. The project includes construction of a new 1.2 million steel water tank, a booster pump station, and water line from our existing distribution system to the tank. Due to the increased water pressure that will effect some of the Highlands subdivision, pressure-reducing valves (PRV's) will need to be installed at certain residences. TCPUD will be implementing these installations and expect to be completed by the end of October.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On behalf of the community, TCPUD would like to offer Special Thanks to:

• **Lake Forest Glen Homeowners Association & Staff** for allowing the use of their swimming pool for swim lessons. Over 265 children from our community learned to swim through our public lessons.

• **Obexer's Boat Company** for use of their facilities and support from their staff and the Tahoe Community Sailing Foundation and the Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation for funding and volunteers. Our community sailing program provided lessons to 275 youth this summer.

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he made an impact on countless issues affecting the area. The improvements at Fanny Bridge are just one of his many accomplishments made on behalf of the residents and visitors of Lake Tahoe.

Plaques commemorating both of these individuals and their contributions, will be installed at the site.

General Winterization GUIDELINES

Significant property damage and thousands of gallons of water can be wasted from frozen water pipes. Here are some general guidelines to prevent frozen pipes:

- When not occupied, shut off the water to the house and drain all the internal piping
- Never run bleeder lines or trickle small amounts of water out of fixtures to prevent freezing. This practice is in violation of TCPUD Ordinance 185 and is an enforceable violation
- Close crawl space vents to avoid drafts
- Locate and mark the water shut off box at the street with a stake
- Locate and mark sewer cleanouts

Please call if you have questions or would like additional information.

530-583-3796, x36

Summer 2005 Recreation Statistics

This past summer TCPUD served hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors in a variety of recreational activities. The following is a recap of our summer programs and facilities. To keep these numbers in perspective, remember that our full time population is only 5,200.

PROGRAM	#SERVED
• Commons Beach Family Activities	
• Sunday Lakeside Music	7,800
• Wednesday Evening Movies	3,077
• Wildlife and Environmental Talks	470
• Swim Lessons	265
• Youth Sailing Program	275
• Adult Softball Leagues	636
• Camp Skylandia	668
FACILITIES	
• WCB Boat Ramp Boats Launched	7,343
• Trail Counts	164,000
• Lake Forest Campground, Sites Used	798

Meet the New Faces In Recreation

We are pleased to welcome some new faces in our recreation department. They have been hard at work all spring and summer continuing our successful programs and provided new programming to address areas of need.

• **Rosalie Ness**, RECREATION SUPERVISOR
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
Masters in Recreation & Sports Management
Master of Education

Rosalie has been with us for eight months and has introduced programs such as Little Lakers for youth ages 3-5, Project LEARN, our after school program, a College Internship program, and several teen programs that will begin this October. Rosalie coordinates all of our recreation programming including youth and adult sports, Camp Skylandia, the after-school and teen programs, and special classes.



• **Sara Frank**, RECREATION COORDINATOR
Bachelor of Science in Health Ecology
Captain of UNR's Women's Track & Field Team
After working for the City of Reno as a summer camp counselor, Sara completed an internship with TCPUD during this past summer. During that time she worked at Camp Skylandia and with our special events. Sara will continue working with our new Project LEARN after-school program at Tahoe Lake School, and with special events, teen programming and Camp Skylandia.

• **John Reichert**, SPECIAL EVENTS / VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

John is a part-time contract employee with TCPUD. He moved from the Bay area several years ago and has jumped in to many local efforts. During his career he founded a number of successful businesses including world-wide, online vacation rentals. He has an extensive administrative background in parks, recreation and youth programs. John is currently a marketing consultant to Sierra State Parks Foundation, and is active in various programs to help ensure lake clarity. If you would like to be a volunteer, call John at 530-583-3796, x39.



• **Steve Sayward**, RECREATION COORDINATOR
Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology
Master of Science in Sports Management
Steve joins us from Texas Tech University where he was a graduate assistant for the recreation department. He is currently helping build our youth programming by offering a junior bowling league on Wednesdays, an afterschool youth basketball pickup league twice a week, and a free youth open gym program at Rideout Elementary school on Friday nights.

ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS

In the fall of each year TCPUD begins its budget development process for the next calendar year. Many committee and Board meetings take place from October through December to consider each departments' and capital and operating budgets. The public is invited to attend these meetings. For more information call 530-583-3796, x32.

Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Patch

Continuing our partnership with the Tahoe City Downtown Association, TCPUD is sponsoring the Harvest Festival, Sunday, October 9th, from 10am to 6pm. Children's activities are scheduled at Commons Beach and include the Pumpkin Patch from 10am to 2pm. Several non-profit organizations will offer snacks, music, entertainment, carnival games, and a Bounce House on Commons Beach! After 2pm family activities will continue throughout downtown Tahoe City.