



TCPUD

QUARTERLY

NEWS

A Report to Our Community

October 2009

Local Boy Scout Constructs Native Plant Demonstration Garden

Recently local Boy Scout Morgan McClintock came forward with a plan to create a native plant demonstration garden at the District's Fairway Drive Administration Building.

Morgan is working to earn the rank of Eagle Scout and saw the development of a demonstration garden as an effective tool to illustrate water conservation techniques.

In early September the once lawn-covered courtyard was transformed into a community demonstration garden providing those strolling along the gardens slate path an education on native vegetation that requires substantially less water to maintain.

Thanks goes to Scout Morgan McClintock, Boy Scout Troop 266, Tahoe Tree Company, Trout Creek Landscape Supply, Sierra Stone Supply, Tahoe Native Son, and many community volunteers for their efforts in making this project come to life.

NEW TCPUD Water Conservation Rebates

Following the adoption of the Water Conservation and Drought Response Standards Ordinance the TCPUD instituted a new water conservation rebate program including monetary rebates for High Efficiency Cloths Washers, High Efficiency Toilets, and Irrigation System Controls.

Conservation rebate funds are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and to receive our rebate application, call the TCPUD Water Conservation Line, 530-583-3796 x30, or visit www.tahoecitypud.com.

TCPUD Annual Budget Process

TCPUD staff has begun the annual process of budget preparation. The review of current expenses, goals, and priorities for 2010, and the development of the upcoming capital budget are undertaken during this process. From October through December Committee and Board meetings will take place for the presentation and consideration of each department's operating and capital budgets.

The public is encouraged to attend the District's 2010 budget meetings. Why is your involvement so important? Because it is your utility and tax dollars that fund the operations, maintenance, and replacement of water sewer and parks and recreation facilities. For more information call 530-583-3796, x21, or visit our website at www.tahoecitypud.com.

Doesn't Every Dog Deserves a Park?

With state and local ordinances becoming more restrictive, many concerned dog owners are looking to the creation of dog parks as the appropriate solution.

With the support of the District's Board of Directors, and the help of the

Humane Society of Truckee Tahoe, a \$3,000 matching grant has been secured for the construction of a dog park in downtown Tahoe City. The project includes the installation of fencing, a double gated leashing area, benches, a watering basin, waste containers and signage.

The District and the Humane Society have em"bark"ed on a capital campaign to raise the additional \$3,000 necessary to complete the project.

For more information, or to make a donation, please contact Alan Harry at the TCPUD, 530-587-3796 x21, or visit our website at www.tahoecitypud.com.

Teen Center Wednesdays

Ride the bus from NT Middle School to Rideout Community Center on Wednesdays and be a part of the Parks & Recreation Department's teen program, "The Club". The goal is to provide a safe, positive environment for teens after school and many fun activities.

"The Club" is open every NTMS Minimum Day Wednesday from 11:30am to 5pm and offers a balance of adult-supervised educational and recreational experiences such as ...

- Foosball, ping pong, pool, open gym, Xbox and seasonal sports
- Homework help, tutoring
- Environmental education with SWEP and guest leaders
- First aide, music, arts, crafts, games, field trips, parties, and more!

Check out www.tahoecitypud.com, or call 530-593-3440, x10.

Family Fun in the Fall!

Fall is alive with fabulous family fun all part of the Tahoe City Downtown Association's annual week-long Harvest Festival.

• **TAHOE CITY HARVEST FESTIVAL:** October 10 - 17. A week of activities in and around downtown including Scarecrows on Parade, live music, Pedal There bike ride, restaurant and lodging specials, and TCPUD's famous Pumpkin Patch Carnival.

• **OKTOBERFEST:** Saturday, October 10, Cobblestone Center, North Lake Blvd, 3pm - 6pm. Admission is free. Live music and dancing with Déjà Vu. Seasonal brews and tasty food available. Fun and games include apple-bobbing and pumpkin-painting for kids, and kids-at-heart. Great raffle prizes.

• **PUMPKIN PATCH CARNIVAL:** Saturday, October 17, Rideout Community Center, Timberland Lane, on the West Shore, 10am - 2pm. Pick out your favorite pumpkin. Join in family fun and games. Sponsored by TCPUD Parks & Recreation Dept.

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Garden Sprouts Community Spirit at Rideout Center

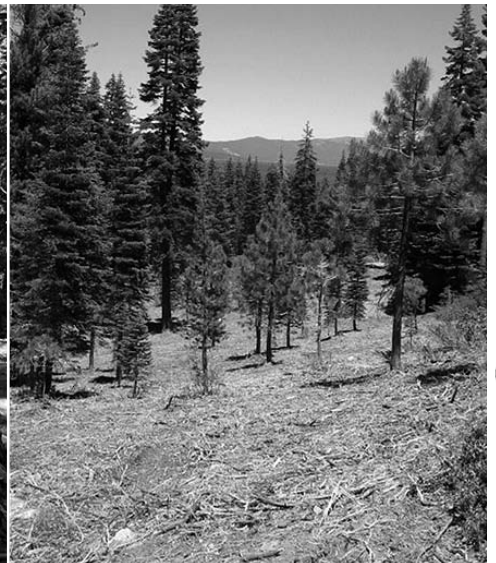
Growing vegetables in Tahoe is a challenge even for the most experienced gardeners. But, for those who have the desire and love for gardening, the rewards of growing your own in the mountains is extraordinary.

This spring, two Tahoe locals started scouting locations for an organic community garden in Tahoe City. Brian Kane and Lisa Renschen began their search for land and after speaking with TCPUD's Rhonda Kreidler, found space at Rideout Community Center,

Timberland Lane on the West Shore.

"It's both exciting and rewarding to see the garden coming to life", said Brian as he looked out over everyone's beds. Participants are invited to plant vegetables, herbs, or flowers, and are asked to keep it organic. If you are in the neighborhood, stop by Rideout and visit the new Tahoe City Community Garden.

For more information contact Rhonda Kreidler at rhondakreidler@sbcglobal.net.



TCPUD Protecting Your Homes

Recently the Tahoe City Public Utility District partnered with the North Tahoe Fire Protection District and the California and Nevada Fire Safe Councils to complete a 75.5 acre fuels reduction project in the Chambers Foothills and Quail Lake portions of the Homewood

area. This grant-funded project began in June and was completed in early August of this year.

The primary purpose of fuels reduction projects is to reduce the potential for disastrous wildfires.

The TCPUD's next fire safety project will reduce forest fuels at various water and sewer utility sites. A grant for the project has been secured. The work is scheduled for the fall/spring 2009/10.