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Board Meetings

At the District Office:
April 14, 2006, 8:30 a.m.
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June 9, 2006, 8:30 a.m.

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EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE PARK

ASCWD hold its traditional Easter Egg Hunt for residents and guests on Saturday, April 15. The hunts, which will vary according to age, will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the District office parking lot. Bring your own basket for collecting eggs and treats from the Easter Bunny. Dress for the weather, as this event will be held snow, rain or shine. (We still need an Easter Bunny, so if any readers would like to volunteer, please contact Pam at the Water District 583-2342 x-11. We have a wonderful bunny suit and top hat.) We look forward to seeing old and new participants of all ages!

ALPINE SPRINGS COMMUNITY PARK

Welcome to the 9th season of the Alpine Springs Community Park! An Open House is scheduled for June 18. Use this free opportunity to check out our two wonderful tennis courts, fabulous swimming pond, volleyball court, grassy play area with picnic tables, gas barbecues and more. These amenities are well-maintained in our beautiful alpine setting. Depending on weather, the park is open from Memorial Day weekend until October.

Season passes, day use passes, and family week passes are a great buy and are available at the District office, Monday through Friday. The park pass fees are as follows: Single User Day Pass - \$5; Family Week Pass - \$55; Family Day Use Pass - \$15; Family Season Pass - \$125. A refundable deposit of \$5 per each pass card will be charged and returned upon receipt of the card. Only **one** card will be issued for each Family Season Pass.

A Park Pass Application is attached. Please complete the application in full, including signing the application in the two designated places, and bring it to the District office with your check, payable to ASCWD.

A reservation for groups of more than 10 persons up to 200 persons is required. Groups of more than 200 persons are allowed only with approval of the District General Manager. Group use fees are as follows: 11 to 25 persons - \$35; 26 to 50 persons - \$70; 51 to 75 persons - \$150; 76 to 125 persons - \$225; 126 – 150 persons - \$300. The fee for weddings and groups of 151 to 200 persons is \$1,000. Barbecues may be reserved at a fee of \$5 for each barbecue. In addition, a \$200 damage deposit will be charged for groups of 11 to 150 persons for clean-up/ breakage/repairs. A \$500 damage deposit will be charged for weddings and groups of 151 persons or more. Unused monies from the damage deposit will be refunded. Please call the District office at (530) 583-2342 to make a reservation.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- The park is totally supported by user fees, so collecting fees for use is essential for continued park operation. **Please do not prop open the gate!**
- Only household members may share a Family Season Pass. Adults from different households must purchase their own pass.
- Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult – there is no lifeguard.
- **No dogs or other pets are allowed at any time.**
- There is no exclusive use of the park, even if you have reserved it for group use.
- Pass and group use applicants will be required to sign a liability waiver and release form.
- Additional information is available at <http://www.alpinesprings.org> – click on “PARK.”

THANK YOU TO SANTA CLAUS

A big **THANK YOU** to Santa Claus, his helpful elves, the fire truck driver and the carolers for making Christmas Eve a magical and memorable evening for the families of Alpine Meadows. Santa Claus arriving on a fire truck with his loyal singing entourage is a wonderful Alpine Meadows tradition. Thank you again to all these individuals who volunteered their time.

LONG RANGE PLAN BEING PREPARED

The District has retained the consulting engineering firm of Lumos and Associates to prepare a Long Range Plan for Alpine Springs County Water District. The first step in the planning process is to review the current status of the District's water and sewer facilities. The consultants will then determine the District's ability to serve its current and future customer base. Based upon this determination, needed improvements to the infrastructure will be listed and evaluated. A cost estimate will be prepared for each planned improvement. Priorities and a timeline will be assigned to each project along with financing options. As this process proceeds, the Board of Directors will hold public hearings where the information will be presented. Please plan to attend and stay apprised of your District's activity.

DISTRICT REVIEWING WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE RATES

The Board is currently conducting its annual review of its rates for water, sewer and garbage services. Currently, the District uses a significant portion of its property tax revenues to underwrite the cost of water, sewer and garbage services to the community. The State of California appears to be continuing its plans to reduce tax revenues to special districts. In addition, when the contract with North Tahoe Fire Protection District ends in December 2006, it is probable that a significant share of the remaining tax revenues will be allocated to fire protection services. As such, it is certain that the District will need to increase utility rates to make up the shortfall in available tax revenues.

THE DUMPSTERS

The dumpsters at the District office are among the last in the Tahoe area. Unfortunately, some persons are aware of this fact and use the dump site to get rid of their construction debris, unwanted home furnishings and hazardous wastes at no expense to themselves. Should you, in your visits to the dump site, observe anyone unloading prohibited materials (there is a sign at the dumpsters listing the materials that are not acceptable), please note the license plate, time, date and description of the person(s) and materials being deposited and either call the Sheriff's office or the District office to let us know. As a reminder, the dumpsters are for household garbage only. No dumping of liquids of any sort, hazardous waste, appliances, furniture, horticultural debris, construction debris, dirt, rocks, etc., is allowed. If in doubt, don't dump it.

REMEMBER THE BEARS!!! LATCH THE DUMPSTERS!!! Otherwise, our friendly, hungry, inquisitive, resident bears (who are starting to come out of hibernation) make a mess of things and get habituated to human garbage as a food source.

