



Upcoming Events

Fire Education & BBQ Day

July 5, 2008 12:00 noon –
2:30 p.m. at the Fire Station

Flower Walk

July 6, 2008 8:30 a.m. at the
District Parking Lot

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Board Meetings

At the District Office:
Friday, July 11th at 8:30 a.m.
Friday, August 8th at 8:30
a.m.

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ALPINE SPRINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AWARDED GRANT

Alpine Springs County Water District received notice that their application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for grant funding for “Alpine Meadows Community Consolidated Fuels Reduction Project” was unanimously approved during the Conservancy’s June 5, 2008, Board meeting. The grant amount authorized was \$176,375.00. The project will reduce forest fuel loading in the Alpine Meadows area along Bear Creek. Components of the project include:

- Reduction and removal of forest fuels using hand crews, chipping, and pile burning on 50 acres immediately adjacent to Bear Creek;
- Designation of a section of the project area as a demonstration plot for studying impacts of pile burning in riparian areas;
- Providing residential chipping services and defensible space inspections to private residents to encourage defensible space clearing around private homes.

The project received letters of support from the Alpine Meadows Fire Safe Council, Alpine Meadows Estates Association (AMEA) and Juniper Mountain Association (JMA). Additional funding for the project will be provided by AMEA for \$2,500.00, JMA for \$2,500.00 and ASCWD for \$5,000.00. The project is scheduled to begin in July and continue for 1½ years.

We need to document community matching funds. Let the District or your HOA know any time or money you spend on clearing defensible space.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Each year Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal offers 10 household hazardous waste collection days at the Recycling Facility at the Eastern Regional Landfill for residential and commercial customers. A list of acceptable items is provided below. To schedule an appointment for one of the ten household hazardous waste days or for questions about acceptable wastes, please call 530-583-0148. Quantities are limited to **15 gallons or 125 pounds per visit**. The household hazardous waste days for 2008 are:

May 17	June 14	July 12	July 26	August 16
August 30	September 13	September 27	October 11	November 8

The following items are accepted: Contaminated Motor Oil, Brake Fluid, Drain Opener, Pool Chemicals, Contaminated Gasoline, Solvents, Oven Cleaner, Furniture Polish, Automotive Chemicals, Insecticides, Rug Cleaner, Rubber Cement, Fluorescent Lamps and Bulbs*, Herbicides, Ammonia, Silver Polish, Household Batteries*, Pesticides, Chlorine Bleach, All Purpose Cleaner, Tub & Tile Cleaner, Poisons, Disinfectants, Toilet Cleaner, Aerosol Cans*. **The following items will NOT be accepted:** Explosives or Ammunition, Asbestos, Radioactive Materials, Gas Cylinders, Bio-hazards (Syringes in Rigid Plastic Containers).

* These items can be dropped off at the Recycling Facility at the Eastern Regional Landfill year-round for free recycling. Remember: Liquids should be transported in a spill-proof, leak-proof container. Keep hazardous products in their original containers with labels securely attached and readable. Store waste in a cool, dry place and out of the reach of children.

FREE CHIPPING PROGRAM – 530-546-4347

The North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD) is once again offering a FREE chipping service. To take advantage of the program, call the NTFPD’s “chipper hot line” at **530-546-4347**. Leave your name, address, phone number, the best time to return your call, and whether you would like the chips blown back onto your property or left in a pile on the edge of your property. Here are the rules: (1) Chipping will occur within approximately two weeks from the time of your call on a first-come-first-served basis (2) All material to be chipped must be placed along the edge of the road with cut ends pointing towards the road. There is a 10” maximum diameter. (3) All materials chipped will be hauled away, except for pine needles. Pine needles should be bagged and taken to landfill or placed out with your garbage pick up. No more than six bags will be taken away.

FREE DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTION – 530-546-2212

For a free defensible space inspection of your property, with a home or without a home, call **530-546-2212**.

LATCH THE DUMPSTERS

Bears are on a day long search for food and the dumpsters at the District office are on their route. Unfortunately, some people either leave their garbage sitting outside the dumpsters or do not latch the dumpsters after putting their garbage in the dumpsters. As a result, our friendly, inquisitive, resident bears are making a mess of things. You can help by following all the rules every time you use the dumpsters. Be sure to latch the dumpsters after every use. Two disposable plastic glove dispensers have been provided for your convenience. They are located on the stand marked "Gloves".

ALPINE SPRINGS COMMUNITY PARK

The Alpine Springs Community Park is open. If you have never used our wonderful park and its amenities, tennis courts, the fabulous swimming pond, volleyball court, grassy play area with picnic tables or gas barbeques, you have missed a great opportunity. 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 \$25 per pass card will be charged and returned upon receipt of the card. Only one card will be issued for each Family Pass.

GARBAGE RATE INCREASE

Following a Public Hearing on June 13th, the Board approved a rate increase in the District's garbage fees. The increase was needed to: (1) cover the increased fees charged by our garbage disposal provider; (2) replace property tax revenues which in past years have been used to subsidize garbage operations, and (3) keep the other enterprise services (water and sewer) from subsidizing garbage operations. Property tax revenues are no longer available to fund garbage services since they are needed to meet the increased cost of fire protection services. In addition, according to reports, there is a proposal in the State Legislature to take 50% of the property tax funds currently being used to subsidize enterprise activities such as water, sewer and garbage services, and keep those funds at the State level to help with State budget issues. The increase will become effective on July 1, 2008.

HOUSE FIRE AT 1551 CORTINA COURT

A home in Alpine Meadows burned to the ground Saturday April 26th, but 15 firefighters were able to keep the blaze from spreading to the forest or other homes. North Tahoe and Squaw Valley firefighters found the home on Cortina Court engulfed in flames when they arrived at the scene at approximately 4 a.m. No residents were home. Firefighters began a defensive attack on the home and protected adjacent houses. The fire was quickly put out, but the home was a total loss. Property damage was estimated to be over \$300,000. One firefighter suffered a minor ankle injury while fighting the fire, but no other injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is undetermined. Several trees were burned during the fire but, with snow still on the ground, no vegetation fires spread. Moreover, some residents feel that the fact that the roof was of composite material and didn't burn may have helped prevent the fire from spreading to neighboring homes. "If this had been mid-summer, it might have been a far worse outcome," said North Tahoe Battalion Chief Dave Ruben. The fire department urges residents to clear properties for defensible space.

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