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Board Meetings
Second Friday of the
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THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!!!!!!

That's right; this is the last newsletter that you will receive by way of the US Postal Service. In this day of electronic technologies and ever increasing pressure upon every District dollar, the Board of Directors has decided that postage costs associated with newsletters are to be a thing of the past. The District has contacted the three Home Owner's Associations and asked each to forward the newsletters via email to their respective memberships. Two out of the three have agreed, Alpine Meadows Estates Association (AMEA) being the holdout. So, if your association has your email address and is not AMEA, you will be receiving your newsletters via the association. For all others, you can either get the newsletter off of the District web page (www.alpinesprings.org) or you can pick one up at the District office (a receptacle will be placed at the office door).

WATER AT THE COMMUNITY PARK

The Board of Directors has approved a capital improvement project to connect the Community Park to a vertical well located at the lower end of the Valley. This project will eliminate the use by the park of the "spring" water from the sources located at the upper end of the Valley. Over a season, the park uses several million gallons which will now be otherwise available. The water quality associated with these wells meets all of the applicable water quality standards associated with its use.

DISTRICT REVENUES TAKEN, AGAIN!!!!

The District faces a budget crunch during the next several years. The State of California is going to again shift property tax revenue from the District to help balance the State's budget. As you can imagine, this will significantly affect the District's finances, as the District relies on property tax revenue from the State for approximately 50% of its operating budget. Once the District has evaluated the net loss, the Board of Directors will look at their options available to recover the shortfall, but don't be surprised if you receive an additional bill in the mail in the next few months.

UPCOMING ELECTION

Two seats on the Board of Directors will be up for grabs this November. The terms of President Tom Bass and Director Jon Northrop will be expiring. The Placer County Elections Office tells us that there are three candidates running for the three seats. They are:
Tom Bass, current President of the Board of Directors
Jon Northrop, current member of the Board of Directors
Virginia Quinan, long time resident and current President of the Juniper Mountain HOA

DISTRICT WATER CONSERVATION POLICY

The Board of Directors of the Alpine Springs County Water District has adopted a Water Conservation Policy which includes a tiered conservation (voluntary and mandatory) program. Due to space limitations, we could not reproduce the policy here, however it is available on the District web site at the following URL:

<http://www.alpinesprings.org/pdf/Policies/1-Board/WaterConservation.pdf>

ALPINE MEADOWS COMMUNITY PARK

Lots of you have seen the park this year. Usage is through the roof, however paid attendance is below that of last year. That means unpaid attendance continues to increase at an alarming rate. Between the gate being almost continually propped open with rocks and others opening the gate when someone rings the bell, the District has lost significant user revenues. Please, if you see the gate propped open, close it. The bell has been removed to promote the purchase of park passes. The District will be installing additional signage at the gate including a cash box for use fees, in an effort to collect revenues that would otherwise be missed. If unpaid park

usage continues to be a problem, the Board will consider more drastic measures. **Also, please do not: prop the gate open, bring your dog (or cat) or leave your trash out as bears have been a significant problem of late.**

COMMUNITY FIRE PLAN

North Tahoe Fire Protection District and Alpine Springs County Water District are working together to develop a Community "Fire Plan" that will identify fire hazards and potential projects intended to reduce and alleviate the threat of wildfire in Alpine Meadows. To accomplish this task, C.G. Celio & Sons have been contracted with by the Tahoe Basin Fire Safe Council.

Although the first phase of the evaluation does not included Alpine Meadows, subsequent phases of the project will. The process will include a series of public meetings to get public input. However, it is not too early for communities, organized neighborhoods or homeowners groups to submit project proposals for wildland fuels reduction or similar fire safe projects. Submitted projects may become eligible for Federal and State Grant monies through a variety of sources including but not limited to the Healthy Forest Initiative.

Potential projects and questions should be submitted to Fire Chief Duane Whitelaw or Division Chief Bryce Keller at PO Box 5879, Tahoe City, CA. (530) 583-6911.

Proposals should include the following:

Project applicant/sponsor and contact information.

Brief project description, including acreage to be treated.

Project benefits.

Cost estimates.

Cost share or contributions in kind.

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The Alpine Springs County Water District wants your input,
Comments and suggestions

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Please write your comments, suggestions, etc. below. We want to hear from you.