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Second Friday of the
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SANTA VISITS

The Fire Department Volunteers have once again made special arrangement with Santa Claus for special visits to the community. These visits will be made on Christmas Eve, with transportation being provided by the Fire Department's engine. As you may imagine, at this time of year, Santa's time is very limited, and he has asked that we fix the total number of visits to fifteen (15). Arrangements will be made through the District office on a first come first serve basis. To secure your visit, please call Pam Zinn at extension 11, at your earliest convenience.

EMERGENCY MESSAGE

The next time you think a telemarketer is interrupting your dinner, listen closely; it could very well be a recorded message alerting you of a fire, chemical spill, lost child or other emergency in your neighborhood.

The Placer County Sheriff Department's Teleminder system is now on-line and available to public safety agencies that need to get emergency messages or public service information out quickly. Teleminder is a computer based notification system which relays information via phone call. Through a few quick steps by the dispatcher, an emergency message is recorded, the community of interest outlined on a computer map, and the message is off and running.

While it does not replace good emergency planning or education, Teleminder is just one more tool for law enforcement, fire agencies and towns to utilize during critical times. A 15 second message can be delivered to approximately 3900 targeted households or businesses within one hour, saving precious time and personnel costs. Housed at the Sheriff's Dispatch Centers in Auburn, and Tahoe City the system can be used to reach one street, or an entire community depending on the situation. The system bypasses Telezappers, and is exempt from national "do not call" lists. The cities of Rocklin, Roseville and Auburn also have Teleminder systems.

So, take the time to listen briefly before you hang-up on that telemarketer, it may just be vital information coming your way.

For more information on Teleminder contact Kelly Atchley, Sheriff's Dispatch 886-5395

COMMITTEE OPENING

The District now has nine various committees: Administrative, Budget & Finance, Fire, Personnel, Greenbelt, Park, Recreation (a subcommittee of Park) Long Range Planning, Capital Outlay. As a function of Policy Governance, the majority of the policies are drafted in committee and taken to the Board for consideration. These committees include among their membership, public members. If you are interested in sitting as a member of a committee, please let us know.

DISTRICT POLICIES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

The Board of Directors of the Alpine Springs County Water District has adopted "Policy Governance" as its governance model. This means that the Board acts by way of policy rather than as a function of issue/decision. Policies, under the model are constructed to provide the General Manager with the parameters within which action is acceptable to the Board. As you might imagine, the Board has been busy over the past year or so developing these policies. And we aren't done yet.

So that our customer (and constituents) can access those policies more easily, we have posted them on the District web page, where they are segregated by category (i.e. administrative, budget & finance, etc...).

If you are interested in understanding the Board's "vision" for the District, with any luck, it can be found in our policy. Let us know what you think.

COMMUNITY PARK

The Alpine Springs Community Park has closed for the year. It was a good year for the Park. Water quality in the pond was very good this year. Park pass sales were brisk. Thanks to all of those who support our community park! We will be sending out park pass application forms to last years pass holders. Be looking for them in the mail in May 2004.

GARBAGE

The dumpsters at the District office are among the last in Tahoe. Unfortunately, some Contractors are aware of this fact and come to get rid of their construction debris at no expense to themselves. People are also leaving hazardous materials which your staff has to take to a disposal unit and pay to get rid of.

Remember – LATCH THE DUMPSTERS!!! Otherwise our friendly resident bears make a mess of things and get habituated to human garbage as a food source. Also, the dumpsters are for household garbage only. No appliances, furniture, horticultural debris, construction debris, dirt, rocks, etc...

If in doubt, ask.

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