

DIRECT FROM THE DISTRICT



GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Alpine Meadows community, happy 2025! I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season – we were fortunate to have a warm weather holiday, visiting with family, but were happy to come back home and get back to our daily lives. As usual, a lot has been happening here at the District, and we have tried to capture all of the important notifications and updates in this newsletter. We have great news that the community Park is opening Memorial Day

weekend, May 25th -- just a few short weeks away. I am excited to personally invite you to join me for our second annual picnic in the park, as I will be cooking hotdogs and hamburgers, courtesy of the district, to share in celebration of the summer season - more details on the following page! And in other great news, park fees are staying the same as last year ... no price increase! We are also excited to share that we have refreshed the tennis courts and now have one court striped for pickleball - a new amenity for our community! We hope you enjoy the refreshed courts.

Since our last update, we have sworn in two new Board members, approved an agreement between North Tahoe Fire Protection District and Alpine Springs County Water District (ASCWD) for the continued provision of services, advocated for additional fire fuels mitigation funding, welcomed new staff and completed facility maintenance at the District office.

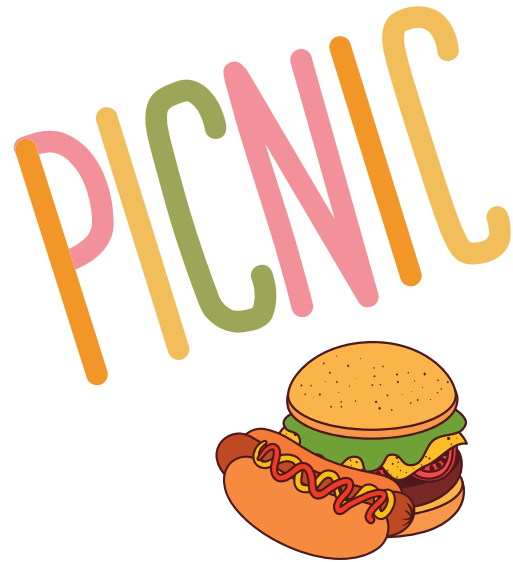
As we look ahead, this spring/summer you will continue to experience impacts of construction on the state highways, with significant work scheduled on highway 80 and other state intersections. While traveling to and from our community, please stay safe and be aware of construction delays and traffic impacts. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

See you June 14th at the Park!
Joe Mueller, General Manager

COMMUNITY PARK PICNIC - JUNE 14, 2025

Have you experienced our community park? Whether you are a regular visitor at our park or new to Alpine Meadows, we hope you will come out and enjoy the park by joining the District's General Manager, Joe Mueller, for the 2nd annual community park picnic, from 12:00-2:00 on June 14, 2025! Joe will be cooking hotdogs and hamburgers, courtesy of the District, and looks forward to seeing you and your families out at the park celebrating and enjoying this beautiful community space.

Another great event is the community flower walk, scheduled for July 6th at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining this fun event you can find more information on the District's webpage.

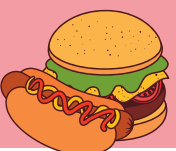


Purchase your Park Pass Now!

Great news, we are excited to share that the District will be keeping the park pass purchase price the same as last year -- there is no increase in cost this year! As a reminder, if you haven't purchased your pass yet, we have transitioned to a fully web-based purchase program, you can purchase your pass on the District's webpage at alpinesprings.org.



- Single User Day Pass (only available to Alpine property owners) - \$20
- Family Day Pass (only available to Alpine property owners) - \$40
- Daily Guest Fee (Guests who are NOT staying at the home of the pass holder when accompanied by the pass holder) - \$5.00 per child - \$10 per adult Day Pass, now payable through a QR code posted at the park bulletin board and restrooms.
- Alpine Resident Family Season Pass (Property Owners and Long-term Renters) - \$200
- Non-Resident Family Season Pass (Nonresident Passes restricted to those that held a season pass the previous year) - \$300



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Bert Clement: Bert and his family have owned a home in River Run since 2008 and became full-time residents in 2019. With a background in accounting, finance, and operations, Bert has run several software companies and been involved in various nonprofit organizations. Bert decided to get involved with the water district to make sure we continued our contract with the fire department, and also to replace our aging infrastructure and finance its replacement without breaking the bank for our rate payers.

We are happy to have Bert join our board, bringing his expertise forward and serving the community! Bert is our new Board Vice-President and District representative on the Truckee Tahoe Sanitary Agency (TTSA) Board.

Bob Tetrault: Bob and his family are long-time residents of Alpine Meadows, enjoying all that our valley and region has to offer. Bob is happy to be serving on the District Board and welcomes community members to share their thoughts, opinions or reach out with any questions as he is committed to listening with intention to understand all perspectives and serve as a community liaison to help answer questions and guide the District forward in alignment with the vision of the community. Bob thanks the community for your trust in him and will work hard on behalf of our residents.

We are thrilled to welcome Bob to the Board, and believe his insights, experience and dedication will be tremendous assets as we work together in the years ahead.

HELP TAHOE BREAK UP WITH PLASTIC!

With 99.994% purity, Tahoe Tap water has been voted the best tasting water in the country by the National Rural Water Association. The DRINK TAHOE TAP initiative is a program of the Tahoe Water Suppliers Association. It was designed to reduce the use of single-use plastics and increase accessibility to drinking water filling stations throughout the region. This initiative is working to encourage people to purchase and use reusable water bottles instead of single-use versions that end up in the landfill or worse - in Lake Tahoe.



BE BEAR AWARE

It's worth repeating - Be Bear Aware! Bears are always searching for food. Bears are curious, intelligent animals that have great memories. Their eyesight is similar to humans and their sense of smell is seven times more powerful than a blood hound's, enabling them to smell food from miles away.

Those are the very traits that can sometimes get them – and us – into trouble. Most bears are wary of humans and try to avoid them. However, bears can learn to associate people with food and be tenacious in their pursuit of something to eat. Even if humans are around.

Everyone in bear country must do their part to store food and other attractants in bear-resistant containers at all times and dispose of trash in bear-resistant dumpsters. This is why the Board of Directors adopted an ordinance requiring all persons who rent their home on a part time or full-time basis to install a “Bear Box”. The size of the Bear Box is determined by the size of your house. If the residential unit is less than 2,500 square feet you need a minimum of 1 bear box capable of holding 2 thirty-two (32) gallon cans. For residential units between 2,500 to 3,500 square feet you need a minimum of 1 bear box capable of holding 3 thirty-two (32) gallon cans.

Other Bear Aware Tips: We live in an amazing valley and region, with native species and wildlife around every corner. That is part of what makes our community and region so special. If you are out exploring your backyard and encounter a bear, a few simple reminders from U.S. Department of Agriculture:

- Do Not Run
- Remain Calm
- Group together and pick up small children
- Continue to face the bear and back away slowly, talking calmly to identify yourself as a human
- If the bear continues to approach, try to scare it away by making yourself as large and imposing as possibly by stretching your arms overhead and making loud noises
- Carry and know how to use bear spray, which is available at many outdoor retailers and can be used to deter a charging bear



Defensible Space and Green Waste Clean-Up!

Are you planning Defensible Space and Green Waste cleanup around your property? Instead of just having that pile of branches chipped consider a better alternative of a green waste dumpster.

Green waste dumpsters allow you to dispose of branches, tree needles, and cones completely by removing them from your property.

TTSD offers a 6-yard Green Waste only dumpster delivered to your door at a special rate for District Residents. Effective July 1st through October at the rate of \$161.17. Call TTSD directly to order (530) 583-7800

REMINDER ALERT: The District will reimburse you for the cost of the green waste dumpster -- for more information contact the district at 530-583-2342 to find out more!

Firewise Community: As a reminder, Alpine Meadows is a firewise community and this means you may qualify for insurance reductions. If your insurance provider recognizes firewise communities, you may be asked to provide a certificate of recognition. If so, the certificate may be found at https://alpinesprings.org/graphics/pdf/Firewise_Cert_2023-2024.pdf.

From the District's webpage, select "Links" on the upper top right banner and select the link that reads "Firewise Community Certificate"



Annual Bills Processed In July - Please Update Your Billing and E-mail Address

Did you know you can pay your utility bill throughout the year? Some customers prefer to make multiple service payments throughout the year instead of waiting for the year end bill to arrive. ASCWD can help you determine a schedule the best fits your individual circumstances, be it monthly, quarterly, or semiannually just contact the district office to learn more about payment options. Bills are issued July 1st of each year; make sure the District has your correct billing address as the District will not be responsible for any mail that comes back as undeliverable and you will incur a 10% penalty if payment is not received by the due date. The due date is August 31st, and there is a grace period until September 14th before penalties go out. ASCWD also has a payment plan, but you need to set up a payment plan with the District no later than September 14, 2025 with your first payment. If you would like more information contact Laurie Axell (530)583-2342 x101 between the hours of 9am to 3pm or send an email to info@alpinesprings.org.

KEEPING YOUR WATER SAFE!



WHAT IS BACKFLOW?

Water normally flows in one direction, from the ASCWD water system through your water service, to your plumbing fixtures. However, under certain conditions water can flow in reverse direction-creating “backflow.” Backflow can contaminate the water supply and cause serious health issues. Backflow is the reverse flow of non-potable water or other substances through a cross-connection hazard into the piping of the consumer’s potable water system or the public water system.



WHAT CAUSES BACKFLOW?

1. **Backsiphonage**- occurs due to loss or deduction of pressure in the public water system providing your water. This can be caused by a rapid withdrawal of a high volume of water from the system due to a system shutdown, a break in the supply mains, or active fire protection. This reduction of pressure creates a vacuum in the piping which draws water back into your home from your irrigation lines, hot tub, or any plumbing fixture with a submerged inlet. These sources of water can contaminate your home’s drinking water and even enter the public system contaminating other’s potable water.
2. **Backpressure**- is created when the source of pressure, such as a household pump, creates pressure greater than that supplied through the public water system. A pump from a landscape pond, pool, hot tub, hydronic heating system, fire sprinkler system or other system containing non- potable water supply affecting your home, and even the entire public drinking system.

HOW CAN I PREVENT CONTAMINATION OF MY OWN HOME AND THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM?



You can determine if your property has any potential cross connections by completing the Cross Connection Survey with your water bill. The District maintains a database for testing, and we support the testing process as needed.

If you think you have a backflow device, and it hasn’t been tested or you may need a backflow device at your residence please contact the Alpine Springs County Water District at (530) 583-2342.

Thank you from the ASCWD operations staff.

ASCWD GENERAL INFORMATION

Board meetings are now offered in a hybrid format - both in person and available to view virtually via zoom. Upcoming Board Meetings are:

Friday, June 13, at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, July 11th, at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, August 8th, at 9:00 a.m.

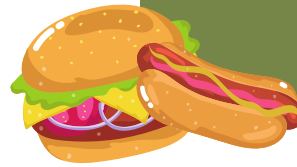
Friday, September 12th, at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, October 10th, at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 14th, at 9:00 am

SAVE THE DATE

*Save the Date:
Community Park
Picnic.
June 14, 2025
12:00-2:00*



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