



Installation of the Big Tree sculpture in the east vista

TCPUD QUARTERLY NEWS

A Report to Our Community

October 2003

The Heart of our Community Re-Opens October 31st

Over 131 years after President Ulysses S. Grant conveyed four acres of land to the People of Tahoe City, and after two years of pain-staking restoration and enhancement, Tahoe City Commons (Beach) will re-open in grand style on Friday, October 31, 2003.

THE NEW FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- All new streetscape with large, off-street vista plazas
- All new playground with climbing rock and play equipment
- Group picnic area
- Small amphitheater
- New state of the art restrooms
- ADA walkways and trail connection
- Increased sand beach
- Environmental protection including – bank stabilization, native re-vegetation, beach revetment, and storm water treatment

The park's complete renovation was funded through numerous community and statewide sources including:

- Proposition 12, Parks Bond Act 2000
- California Tahoe Conservancy
- Placer County Redevelopment
- North Lake Tahoe Resort Association
- Tahoe City Beautification Committee
- Kiwanis Club of North Lake Tahoe
- Tahoe City Public Utility District

Contractor: Syblon Reid

Park Design: Glanville Associates

Trail Design: Auerbach Engineering and Landesign



The new playground area with some of the play equipment

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

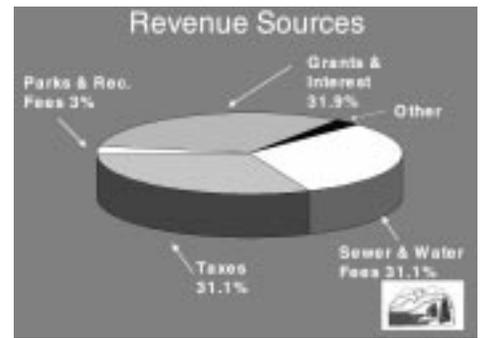
- | | |
|-------------|--|
| 10:30am | Park Opening, Music & Beverages |
| 10:45am | Dedication Ceremony & Awards |
| 11:30am | Reception & Music |
| 12:00 | Community BBQ Lunch |
| 1:30pm | Playground Ribbon-Cutting |
| 2:00-4:00pm | Music & Activities for all Ages! |
| | Including: musicians from NTHS, The Dam Jammers, Rimmel Wilson, & various guest performers |

See page 2 for more Commons photos

General Winterization Guidelines:

By and far the most common winter problem comes from frozen pipes. Thousands of gallons of water is wasted when frozen water lines burst then thaw and often cause thousands of dollars of damage to personal property. Here are some general guidelines and some tips to prevent frozen pipes:

- When not occupied, shut off the water to the house and have all the internal piping drained. Stop and Waste valves or shut off and separate drain valves are most commonly used to accomplish this. Consult with your local plumber for more information.
- Never run bleeder lines or small amounts of water out of fixtures to prevent frozen pipes. This practice is in violation of TCPUD Ordinance 185 and is an enforceable violation. The cost of production of water and the cost to collect and treat this waste of water only serve to increase the cost of service.
- Have all exposed piping under the house properly insulated and install thermostatically controlled heat tape in areas you may suspect have frozen in the past.
- Close vents to crawl spaces to avoid drafts.
- Locate and mark the water shut off box at the street with a stake. A small diameter PVC or steel pipe with a blue marking at the top works quite well and allows TCPUD crews to recognize the location. An easy way to remember this is to stake your box when you place the snow poles for your driveway.
- Locate and mark sewer cleanouts. Use the suggestion above, but use green markings at the top of the stake.



Budget Development for 2004

The annual budget of a government agency is the guideline and work plan for the year. TCPUD is currently developing the budget and goals for 2004. We operate on a calendar year and begin the budget process in late summer, with adoption of the budget scheduled for November. TCPUD's annual operating budget is approximately \$6 million of your tax dollars. Our capital budget varies annually based upon our active grant writing and fundraising programs. Our capital budget in 2003 was over \$7 million.

During the budget development process, we re-examine all services and costs to ensure that we are both cost-effective and efficient with your dollars. Staff and the Board welcome input from our tax and ratepayers. If you have suggestions, ideas or questions, please contact us or attend an upcoming Board meeting. All meetings are held in the TCPUD Board Room.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:	DATE	TIME
Parks and Recreation Commission	10/2	5:00pm
Board of Directors	11/21	8:30am
Board of Directors	12/12	8:30am



The amphitheater from the central stairway vista

Senior Luncheon

This is a time for the seniors in our community to be heard about what they want from the TCPUD Department of Parks and Recreation. We'll have a brainstorming session for program ideas specifically for our senior population, so come with your thoughts. Potential programs include: hiking, education classes, book clubs, X-C skiing, trips and excursions, and more. We need your input. Sign up through Laurie, 530-583-3796, ext 29. It's at the Fairway Community Center, 11am - 1pm on October 21st... and the cost is FREE.

Pre-Natal Yoga

Strengthen and prepare for childbirth. This class is a small group setting with lots of individual support and instruction, taught by Karin Curtis.

Pre-Natal Yoga is scheduled Wednesdays, September 24th through December 3rd, from 8:30am until 10am. You can come to all classes or drop in. Fee is \$65 for all 5 classes, resident is \$60 for 5 classes, or \$15 drop in fee.