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March 8, 2008 – Pancake Breakfast to Benefit the Youth Trust Fund & the Third Annual Community Expo

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The annual North Tahoe Public Utility District Recreation and Parks Commission Pancake Breakfast and third annual Community Expo, co-sponsored by Sierra Pacific Power will be held at the North Tahoe Community Conference Center in Kings Beach from 8:30 - 10:30 AM before the Kings Beach Parade.



COME ENJOY A DELICIOUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SUPPORT THE YOUTH TRUST FUND



MEET YOUR NTPUD BOARD, RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS, MANAGEMENT STAFF AND YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AT THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

Come meet your NTPUD Board of Directors, Recreation and Park Commissioners and Management staff; eat a

delicious breakfast before the Parade; browse the Community Expo to learn about the many non-profit and service groups in our community; and support the Youth Trust Fund.

The menu will include pancakes with strawberries and whipped cream, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children with proceeds going to the Youth Trust Fund. The Fund provides opportunities for District youth to request scholarship funds from the Commission

to pursue activities that may not otherwise be available to them.

The District will also be collecting canned food at the Pancake Breakfast to donate to Project MANA. All donations should be non-perishable and not beyond the expiration date.

For more information, go to www.ntpud.org or contact Pam Lefrancois at plefrancois@ntpud.org or 530-546-4212.

Other Events Happening in Kings Beach on March 8th!

The Kings Beach “Winter Fun” parade starts at 11:30 AM and goes through downtown Kings Beach.

Find more information on these and other Tahoe Snow Fest events at www.tahoesnowfestival.com

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Does Your Home have a Water Shut Off Valve?

Each year homeowners need to turn their water off for various reasons; repair broken pipes, repair or replace a hot water heater, or to change faucets or toilets. Many homes are not equipped with a customer shut off valve. To save on future shut off fees and to comply with NTPUD Ordinances, please plan to install a customer shut off valve at the time of your next repair or at your earliest convenience and once your plumber can easily access the best location. The valve must be located on the customer side of the water meter. Plumbers, customers and their representatives may not operate or in any way tamper with the valve on the District’s or the supply side of the meter. Property owners will be held responsible for damage.



F.O.G. CORNER

Fats, Oils, and Grease Prevention



Why is F.O.G. prevention important to you?

Grease in warm wastewater may not appear harmful, but as the liquid cools, the grease congeals and causes buildup in the interior of the pipes, accumulating into a hardened mass.

Over time, layers of grease accumulate and restrict the wastewater flow that may cause a sewer to back up into the environment. Raw sewage overflowing into parks and streets, and even into homes and yards, requires an extensive, expensive, and unpleasant cleanup.

2008 Water Main Replacement Project Update: Speckled Avenue and Cutthroat Avenue

In February, notification was sent to property owners in the vicinity of the Speckled Avenue and Cutthroat Avenue Water Project which is scheduled to begin in June 2008 with completion by October 15, 2008. Work will be performed on Speckled Avenue and Cutthroat Avenue between Wolf Street and Chipmunk Street and will include front yard water service installation; fire hydrant installation and replacement; and water main removal and replacement (Cutthroat Avenue only). The project will eliminate water loss due to inaccessible leaks, inadequate backyard water mains to be abandoned, and improve fire protection. As with the Beaver Street Project, properties currently served by backyard water mains will have two (2) construction seasons to bring new services from the residence to the new water service installed at the property line. The District's contractor will construct a water service and a water meter box from the main to the property line. Construction of the water service from the property line to the residence is the logistic and financial responsibility of the property owner. If you live in the area of the project and did not receive this information, please contact the District so that we can verify your address to make sure you receive future notification regarding this project. Should you have any questions, please contact the District.



FIRE HYDRANTS WILL BE INSTALLED AS PART OF THE CUTTHROAT / SPECKLED WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

VISIT THE NORTH TAHOE REGIONAL PARK THIS WINTER!



As you know, the Tahoe area has experienced quite a bit of snow this season in comparison to recent years. As a result, the North Tahoe Regional Park is a winter playground with fun for all ages. The sled hill and snowmobile

rentals, run by the District's concessionaire, Tahoe Winter Adventures, are having a great season with plenty of snow. If neither of those activities fits the bill, bring your snowshoes or skis (or rent them at one of the shops in Kings Beach) and explore the groomed trails of the Regional Park. Trails are groomed before the weekend and the District is exploring staffing alternatives to add another grooming day mid-week. After your adventure or on a beautiful winter Tahoe day, come have a picnic and enjoy the view. Dogs are permitted in the Park, however they must be leashed, and please pick up after your pet. Please note that private motorized vehicles are not permitted in the Park at any time.

Bike Trail Website Launched



The North Tahoe PUD, thanks to a grant from the California Tahoe Conservancy, has again started researching the feasibility and impacts of a North Tahoe Bike Trail from the North Tahoe Regional Park to the top of Dollar Hill. A website was recently launched to allow interested parties to follow the project as it moves forward. The website address is www.edaw.net/ntbt

Please visit the website, register to be notified of upcoming meetings and then bookmark the page and check back occasionally for updates on the progress of the trail.

Ordinance 371 Rescinded

The February newsletter reported on the passage of Ordinance 371 which transferred ownership of sewer laterals from the District to property owners. At their February Board Meeting, the NTPUD Board of Directors voted to rescind Ordinance 371. This means that all provisions of Ordinance 371 are no longer enforceable. For the customer, this means that their ownership of the sewer lateral ends at the property line. However, property owners are still responsible, as they were prior to Ordinance 371, for keeping the lateral open and flowing from the house to the main. In addition, laterals from the house to the property line are required to be tested and repaired or replaced if they do not pass.

Dig Safely Call USA NORTH 1-800-227-2600 two working days before you dig!

Remember, whether you are digging a foundation or simply repairing water pipes that have frozen and broken, if you're digging in the ground, you need to call USA! This protects those working and the environment!