

Group Picnics-The Ramada Full Sized Soccer Field Birthdays, Family Reunion, Soccer game?

The North Tahoe Regional Park offers many amenities for individuals and families. The Ramada has been well known by Local Residents as a party spot and gathering place for large groups. Located near the top of the Park in a forest like setting, the Ramada is a covered facility with a large BBQ and picnic table seating for 100-150 people. Horseshoe pits, tennis courts and a children's play area are nearby as well as the new 18 hole disc golf course.



The newest addition to the Park is a full-size soccer field available for soccer camps, leagues and pick-up games. The synthetic turf field has a rubber fill that drains well and is a comfortable surface for jogging or other active games when it's not being used for soccer. The soccer field was constructed with grant money provided by California State

Parks bond funds, a California State Parks competitive grant, Placer County Park Mitigation Funds, and a North Lake Tahoe Resort Association infrastructure grant.



The Ramada and the Soccer Field are both available for special events with a discount being available to residents of the North Tahoe Public Utility District. Call the District Office at (530) 546-4212 for more information or to make reservations for your next celebration.

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NTPUD Continues to Eye State Budget for Taxpayers

In last month's newsletter it was reported that the State of California was looking to backfill the budget deficit of more than \$17 Billion dollars with Special District tax dollars. The State failed to meet the Constitutional deadline of mid-June for adopting a State budget. The last time it was adopted on time was 1986. All California Special Districts are waiting to see what happens. Furthermore, instead of just taking Special District tax dollars directly, the State may shift that burden and responsibility to the County Governments. This action is permitted and would also relieve the State of having to repay the Districts as Proposition 1A provided.

The Tahoe area Special Districts met with Placer County last week to review the County's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009. The North Tahoe Public Utility District asked the County if there was any intent to shift our Special District revenue to the County. In response, Placer County reported that at this point the State has not suggested that the County redirect revenues from Special Districts. No news is good news. The District will continue to watch what happens at the State level due to the impact that any redirection of District property tax dollars will have on our budget and our rate payers. Stay Tuned!

In our last newsletter we incorrectly named our State Legislator. Our current legislator is Ted Gaines. The phone number to his office in the Capital in Sacramento is 916-319-2004 and his website, where you can find a link to e-mail your concerns, is <http://republican.assembly.ca.gov/members/a4/index.aspx?page=home>

Boaters and Water Users: Don't Move a Mussel

A state multi-agency taskforce, comprised of the State Departments of Fish and Game, Water Resources, Parks and Recreation and Boating and Waterways, urge boaters and other water users to take action to protect Lake Tahoe, and other bodies of water, from Quagga and Zebra mussel infestation. Volunteers will be out at launch facilities in the Tahoe Basin to inspect boats and other watercraft prior to launching into Lake Tahoe. Boaters should follow these steps to inhibit their spread:

- Inspect all surfaces—small mussels feel like sandpaper.
- Wash the hull of each watercraft thoroughly, preferably with high-pressure hot water.
- Remove all plant and animal material
- Drain and walter and dry all areas including the lower outboard unit, live-wells and buckets.
- Wait five days and keep watercraft dry between launches into different fresh waters.



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Fats, Oils, and Grease Prevention

Got Grease? Can It!

The District has begun it's "*Can the Grease*" Campaign. You may pick up your **FREE** container at the NTPUD Administrative offices. The reusable containers are for disposal of household cooking oil and grease.



CAUTION - LOW WATER CONDITIONS

Due to low lake levels this season, the launch ramps at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area and Coon Street may be difficult to use or closed for launching to all boats but kayaks, canoes or other small non-motorized boats. As Summer progresses, the District will be monitoring the launch facilities to make decisions regarding closure. At press time, both launches are open, however boaters need to use extreme caution.



While launching, boaters need to be careful to not allow tires to leave the pavement as the boats and trailers are backed into the lake. Once launched, it may be necessary to leave the boat's prop raised and walk the boat out beyond the shallow areas in order to not hit ground or rocks exposed by the low water levels. Larger boats may need to be launched at another site such as Lake Forest or Sand Harbor. Both NTPUD maintained launches are available for putting kayaks and canoes into the water as well.

If the District must close the launch ramps due to low water levels, that information will be posted on our website home page.

DISTRICT PURCHASES STATE OF THE ART WATER LEAK DETECTION EQUIPMENT

This spring, the District purchased a "Water Leak Detection and Correlation" system. In the past, water leak reduction was done by hiring contractors to survey the area. The first surveys were done annually. Over the past few years the frequency was increased to semi-annually, and then to quarterly as water loss increased. At times, there would be a detectable drop in monthly lost water rates, but then the rate would begin to creep up again. It became clear that in order for a water loss reduction program to succeed it must be pursued both flexibly and programmatically. The District studied the return-on-investment to cover the equipment and training costs associated with developing an Unaccounted-For-Water Reduction Program. Cost recovery is estimated to take less than one year based on the current rates charged by contractors for the same service.



Leak correlation works based upon the physics of sound waves and the rate at which sound travels through different pipe materials (iron, PVC, galvanized steel, etc.) and the diameter of the pipe itself. The unit is attached to a water line at two points and listens for the sound frequencies associated with water leaking under high pressure. The equipment calculates the relative distance from the leak to each sensor. The location is measured out on the roadway and marked for the repair crew to follow up on.

In-house leak correlation and repair work began about two months ago and the District has located, excavated and repaired more leaks than had been done in the previous year. In the first month, over 30,000 linear feet of water line was surveyed, picking up 14 sizeable water leaks. It is the goal of the District to survey the entire District in the next 18 months, and to generate an overall leak rate reduction of 5%. The 5 year goal is to achieve the industry standard of 20% water loss. Large capital improvements projects combined with aggressive leak repairs will help us meet this goal.