

## 2015 LEAD AND COPPER TEST RESULTS

The North Tahoe Public Utility District Water Quality Department just completed it's every three year Lead and Copper reporting required by the State of California. With the cooperation of 40 customers with homes built prior to 1986 throughout the District, the Water Quality Techs pull samples from their internal faucets. The District can proudly say, "None of the system results exceeded the action level for LEAD is 15 parts per billion and for COPPER is 1,300 parts per billion." The results of the levels for each system are below.

### Tahoe Main System:

The 90th percentile value for the 20 samples for Lead: All 20 had results of ND (None Detectable).

The 90th percentile value for the 20 samples for Copper: (79 parts per billion).

### Carmelian Bay System:

The 90th percentile value for the 10 samples for Lead: (2.4 parts per billion).

The 90th percentile value for the 10 samples for Copper: (204 parts per billion).

### Dollar Cove System:

The 90th percentile value for the 10 samples for Lead: Did not exceed the laboratory's reporting limit of 2 parts per billion. 9 of the 10 were ND (None Detectable).

The 90th percentile value for the 10 samples for Copper: (29 parts per billion)

For more information on the North Tahoe Public Utility District's water quality please see the 2015 CCR report on the District's web site.. [www.ntpud.org/ccr](http://www.ntpud.org/ccr)

The EPA's website is also an excellent resource regarding lead in drinking water. [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead)



The North Tahoe Public Utility District Quarterly Newsletter is published to keep our customers informed about Sewer, Water and Park related issues and upcoming events. If you have any suggestions, please submit them to the Office of the General Manager. We send press releases and other information out when we have information to share. If you would like to be added to the list to receive this information as it is available, please e-mail Pam Emmerich at [pemmerich@ntpud.org](mailto:pemmerich@ntpud.org) or sign up on the website.

For more information on any of the articles contained in this newsletter, please call 530-546-4212 or visit [www.ntpud.org](http://www.ntpud.org)

## COMMUNICATION WEBPAGE LAUNCHED

The District works hard to keep our residents informed about what's going on at the NTPUD and other topics that might be of interest to them. We offer a variety of ways to do so, but now we've gathered all those options into one place on our website! [Go to www.ntpud.org/communication](http://www.ntpud.org/communication)

## WATER SAVING REBATES: GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE



We still have some rebates left for low flow toilets, dishwashers, washing machines, smart irrigation controllers, shower heads, and faucets. NTPUD residential water customers are eligible for these rebates. Please see our website at [www.ntpud.org/howtoconserve](http://www.ntpud.org/howtoconserve) and click on the "New Water Saving Appliance Rebates" link for more information and rebate credit applications.

### Board of Directors

John Bergmann  
President

Sue Daniels  
Vice President

Phil Thompson  
Secretary

Tim Ferrell  
Director

Lane Lewis  
Director

Duane Whitelaw  
General Manager/CEO

Pam Emmerich  
Newsletter Editor



# North Tahoe Public Utility District Quarterly Newsletter - Fall

October 2016, Volume 8, Issue 3

En Español Llamar, (530) 546-4212

### Inside this Issue.....

- New Amenities at the North Tahoe Regional Park
- Measure E: Election Format Change on the November Ballot
- 2016 Dolly Varden Water Main Replacement Project
- North Tahoe Event Center Update
- New Communications Page on District Website
- 2015 Lead and Copper Test Results



Completion of the Outback is the final phase of the Tahoe Unleashed Dog Park.

## NEW AMENITIES AT THE NORTH TAHOE REGIONAL PARK

A couple of new amenities were completed this summer at the North Tahoe Regional Park; the Tahoe TreeTop Adventure Course and the final phase of Tahoe Unleashed, an off-leash dog playground.

Tahoe TreeTop Adventure Course, an extension of courses in Tahoe City and Squaw Valley, brings the adventure of ropes course, zip lines and obstacle course to the regional park. The adventure course has been open since early July and has already seen over 11,000 participants come and challenge themselves. The course has seven courses, 3 levels of difficulty, 70 platforms and bridges and over a dozen zip lines. Three of the courses have platforms and zip lines that provide a view of Lake Tahoe. The course is open year round, and information on rates and hours of operation are available on the TreeTop Adventure Park's website at [www.northtahoeadventures.com](http://www.northtahoeadventures.com)



Have you tried out the TreeTop Adventure Course?

Tahoe Unleashed off leash dog park opened last fall with 2 separate enclosed play areas, one for large dogs and one for small dogs. This summer, work was completed on a third area, The Outback, that doubled the size of the dog park to its final size of over 1-acre. This newest section provides an area for dogs of all sizes to play together in a natural environment yet is fenced in so they don't run off. Users of the dog park and adjacent tennis courts have commented that original concerns about the dogs barking and being too noisy have not come to fruition; the dogs play together happily and don't disturb the tennis players.



Demolition of one of the old restrooms at the North Tahoe Regional Park

Finally, the District is pleased with the progress being made on other improvements in the regional park. The permanent restrooms that were located near the lower ballfields and the uppers soccer field are being replaced with new, prefabricated restrooms. The new restrooms will reduce the amount of required maintenance while being more efficient in water and electrical use. The restrooms will be heated hydronically so they will be available for use during the winter months. New signs to help with wayfinding within the park are being designed and will be installed after the start of the new year. These signs will identify the entrance to the



Drawing of new restrooms

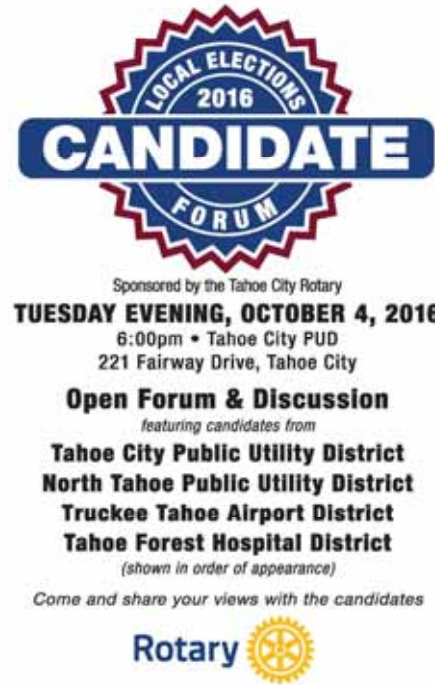
park, the various ballfields, the playground, disc golf, bike trail and various trails in the park as well as other park amenities.

Make sure to visit the North Tahoe Regional Park and see all the improvements taking place!

## PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

The NTPUD will be mailing surveys to residents to gather information for a parks and recreation needs assessment. If you receive a survey, please complete and return it so that the District can evaluate how to better serve community parks and recreation needs.

## MEASURE E: ELECTION FORMAT CHANGE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT



Tahoe City Rotary is hosting a candidates night. Please come and hear from the candidates for your NTPUD Board of Directors as well as the Airport and Hospital Districts.

election of the registered voters will be required to change it back. Only voters within the North Tahoe Public District are eligible to vote on this measure. Be sure to vote on November 8!

## DOLLY VARDEN WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

This summer, the NTPUD installed 4,372 linear feet of 8" water main, 100 services, and 6 fire hydrants in Kings Beach. The project completed all of Dolly Varden Ave., and Wolf Ave., with large diameter water mains and fire hydrants in County right-of-way for greater fire suppression capacities.

The project marks a continuation of efforts toward NTPUD's goal of abandoning all aged and problematic small diameter back yard mains and services, and relinquishing the existing easement encumbrances on customer's properties, in the entire Kings Beach grid. The District is moving from North to South toward the completion of this goal. Roadways North of Dolly Varden were completed in past years, and the next road to the South (Loch Levon Ave.) is next on the list.

By all accounts, the Dolly Varden project was a resounding success. The project was completed under budget and on schedule ahead of the County's asphalt overlay of the road. Additionally, through close coordination with the County, placement of the water main considered future storm drain facilities thereby eliminating conflicts (and costly relocations) when the County installs their drainage facilities at a later date. Likewise, through close coordination with affected property owners, the District placed services to a field location as desired by the property owner, making it as easy as possible for the affected owner to connect. Affected property owners will have two construction seasons to connect to their new service location prior to their back yard service being disconnected and abandoned.

The project's bid documents (design/plans/specifications) and construction management was completed and performed by District in-house staff.



The North Tahoe Public Utility District is a California Special District governed by a five member board of directors. Directors serve four year terms and, since inception, have been "elected by seat". Every even year, either two directors or three directors are up for re-election. The question asked by Measure "E" is whether our constituents prefer the alternate method of electing directors, "at large." Here's an explanation of the two means by which public utility directors may be elected in California.

**Election by seat:** This method of election has been used by NTPUD since it was formed in 1948. To run for a seat on the Board under this method, an eligible voter must declare the seat they are running to fill. Only votes cast for that seat determine the outcome and the highest number of votes wins.

**Election at-large:** This method of election is the other option available to California Public Utility Districts. An at-large election means that if three directors are up for re-election, as is the case this November 2016, the top three vote getters are elected. For example, after declaring their candidacy for election this November 2016, all names are placed on the ballot without regard for a seat. Since three seats are up for re-election, those three candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected.

If Measure "E" is approved, the directors of the North Tahoe Public Utility District will be elected "at-large."

Both methods have their pros and cons. If changed to "at-large," an election of the registered voters will be required to change it back. Only voters within the North Tahoe Public District are eligible to vote on this measure. Be sure to vote on November 8!

## NORTH TAHOE EVENT CENTER UPDATE

The following article was originally run as a "My Turn" from General Manager/CEO Duane Whitelaw in the August 23, 2016 Sierra Sun. It has been updated to reflect the September 13, 2016 signing of the Agreement to Negotiate Exclusively.

The North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach has generated a lot of interest with local residents over the past few months. I want to provide an update so that everyone understands what decisions have been made and, equally important, what decisions remain and how the public can provide input. Since my words are limited in this article, I'll leave out the history and focus on the last six months or so.

The North Tahoe Public Utility District provides sewer, water, and recreation and parks services to the residents of North Tahoe from Crystal Bay to Dollar Hill with a couple smaller, private water systems providing service in the area as well. The District's water rates fully fund water service while sewer service is funded with a combination of monthly rates and property tax. The Recreation and Parks Department is partially funded by the property owners with a special tax approved about 20 years ago by our residents. All other revenue must come from North Tahoe Regional Park and North Tahoe Event Center rentals, grants, concessionaire commissions, and other fees paid for service. Shortfalls in recreation income has resulted in operating deficits that have been funded by reserves from the years when revenue exceeded expenses.

Last Fall, Laulima Partners, LLC presented a proposal for a public/private partnership which included renovating and operating the Event Center in conjunction with their acquisition of the Ferrari Crown Motel. After receiving input from the public, the District opted to reach out to see if other potential bidders were interested. Following extensive advertising throughout western Nevada and northern California, a total of three local respondents provided proposals. Each respondent provided public presentations and the Board voted 4-1 selecting Laulima Partners, LLC to attempt to negotiate a partnership agreement.



The NTEC is an important part of the community for meetings, fundraiser and other local events. A key District element of any successful lease will include guaranteed public usage at affordable rates.

are met; and Laulima Partners, LLC has their own conditions to ensure a viable proposition for them as well. This could ultimately mean negotiating and signing a lease with Laulima Partners, LLC, or if unsuccessful, exploring other potential partners or business models. Addressing recreation solvency at NTPUD remains a very high priority.

The NTPUD always puts our constituents' needs first and makes decisions based on the best available information. The status of the North Tahoe Event Center will remain a monthly topic on the Board's agenda, even if for only an update. If you can't attend the meetings and wish to receive additional information in the form of agendas or press releases, we encourage you to go to [www.ntpud.org](http://www.ntpud.org) and sign up for our email updates. Video recordings of past meetings are also available on the District's website.



The North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach.