



October 2008

EN ESPAÑOL LLAMAR (530) 546-4212

NTPUD Focus



NTPUD Focus to go Quarterly!

Beginning next month, your utility bill will be a little bit lighter. The District is changing to a quarterly distribution of the NTPUD Focus newsletter. This will allow the District to provide more depth and variety to the information that we are providing to our residents. The newsletters will be sent in January, April, July and October.

If the District has important announcements or notice of meetings that are timely and can't wait until the next quarterly Focus hits the presses, we will insert this information into the bills. In addition, we will be putting out short press releases to get information out into the Sierra Sun, so if you would like to be added to an e-mail distribution list of press releases and other timely information, please send an e-mail to ntpud@ntpud.org asking to be put on that list. Also, if you rent your home please offer this

option to your renters as well, we strive to keep all of those living in the District informed on what is going on. We will not pass your information on to any other business or entity.

In order to save money on printing and postage, we will also offer the ability for residents to receive the NTPUD Focus newsletter electronically. Information on how to receive the e-mail distribution will be in the first quarterly issue which will be sent separately from our utility bill. Many people immediately throw away all inserts that come with any bills and we hope that by sending it separately we will reach more of our customers.

Look for your first Quarterly NTPUD Focus in your mailboxes in January.

Recreation and Parks Commission Openings

Have you ever wanted to get more involved with your community and weren't sure how to do it? The District is seeking interested person(s) for



volunteer positions on the Recreation and Parks Commission. The Recreation and Parks Commission is an advisory commission to the Board of Directors on matters of Recreation and Parks. The Commission is a liaison

between the Board and the community and consists of five (5) adult members and two (2) student members.

The Commission is currently focusing on the implementation and outreach for the new Friends of the Park Fund. This fund is looking to raise money for a number of projects in the North Tahoe Regional Park such as new

playground equipment, restoration of the Nature Trail, Par Course and Ramada, and a host of other projects. Community involvement is extremely important! The Commission meets monthly and meetings last approximately two to three hours. The Commissioners is also asked for additional time commitments for special events, e.g. Pancake Breakfast or other community events to share information on the Friends of the Park Fund and other Commission activities.

Please contact Pam Lefrancois at 530-546-4212 or plefrancois@ntpud.org or Kathy Long at 530-546-7249 or klong@ntpud.org. If you have questions or to request an application. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but the District currently has one open adult seat and two open Youth seats, in addition to positions as alternates. The District hopes to fill these positions at the November Board meeting.

Final Touches at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area Lakeside

The finishing touches were put on the lakeside phase of Tahoe Vista Recreation Area in September with the installation of



interpretive panels and bronze commemorative plaque naming the contributors to the project: Placer County, California Tahoe Conservancy, Department of Boating and Waterways and the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association. The interpretive panels show a history of the North Tahoe area and some of the legislation that changed the area. The District's goal was to include new information that is not normally presented in the various interpretive displays around the lake such as the history of the District and the water, sewer and recreation services that it provides to the area.

The District is currently pursuing permitting to complete the parking lot on the parcel across the street; completion of the courtesy docks at the boat ramp and investigating the potential for dredging at the site as well.

Reminder: Winterize your Home!

Winter is just around the corner and it's time to think about getting your home ready for winter. Every year, homes throughout the District are damaged by broken water pipes. Make sure to take precautions to prepare your home for winter. Helpful information is available on the District's website by clicking on Departments/Public Works and then Consumer Information. Just a few minutes of preparation can save a lot of headaches from a broken pipe.

Remembering John Reichert



Commissioner John Reichert (left) and Board Member John Bergmann serve at the Pancake Breakfast

Recreation and Parks Commissioner John Reichert passed away on August 23rd at his home in Carnelian Bay following a heart attack. John will be remembered as a recreational visionary who worked to create community synergy through outdoor activity.

John also worked for the Tahoe City PUD and brought concerts and farmers markets to Tahoe City's Commons Beach.

He had a vision for a snowboard rail park at the North Tahoe Regional Park and while the 63-year-old was not an avid snowboarder himself, he "wanted to do this for the kids," said wife Susan Fitzgerald Reichert. "Every place John lived, he put 100 percent of himself into the community," she said. In lieu of flowers, the Reichert family is asking community members to send donations to the utility district's "Friends of the Park Fund" through the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation.

Taken from the Sierra Sun, September 2, 2008

Playground Equipment at the North Tahoe Regional Park

Currently a sub-committee of the Recreation and Parks Commission and community members are working to gather grant funding and other donations to replace the playground equipment at the North Tahoe Regional Park. A significant amount of equipment at the Park had to be removed



because it did not meet current safety standards. If you wish to help out or have ideas for potential funding opportunities, please contact Kathy Long at 530-546-7249 or klong@ntpud.org. If you wish to contribute financially, you can do so through the Friends of the Park Fund. For more information go to www.ntpud.org/friendsofthepark