

Kings Beach landscaper donates services to spruce up area

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Mark Osberg, owner of Estate Landscape in Kings Beach, has fixed up four public gardens around the Lake Tahoe community for free to improve the area's appearance and raise the spirits of snow-weary residents.

"I saw these areas that looked kind of untidy, and I had the capacity and interest to make the community look better," said Osberg, who has lived in the Kings Beach area for 28 years.

"In this down economy when everything is a little tight, these gardens add value to those properties and they provide enjoyment to the community as a whole."

Osberg, who got permission from nearby property owners to do the projects, estimates it cost him a total of \$4,000 to put in the gardens and will cost another \$4,000 a year to maintain them.

Estate Landscape, his 22-year-old business, planted the gardens in the Kings Beach and Incline Village, using a variety of native plants and flowers that will bloom at different times.

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