

Then and now: Evolution of South Shore Lodge



Starting in the 1920s as Connolley's Bijou at the South Shore, it evolved from tent cabins and beach to include this large white frame building between Highway 50 and the shoreline for lodging, dining, and recreation.

Before being razed in 1973, the building had a varied history, including Connolly's Pancake House (note changed spelling) and lastly, Nel's Tahoe Supply.

The demolition sign in this photo announces: "Timbercove Lodge, opening October 1st, 1973, on the Beach."

This 2013 photo at the same location indicates the recent rebranding as Beach Retreat & Lodge at Tahoe. I want to think those are the same two historic trees (behind) in both photos.



Connolly Beach still exists and is publicly operated by the city of South Lake Tahoe Parks and Recreation Department.

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