

# Letter: Thanks for great bike park opening

To the community,

On behalf of the city of South Lake Tahoe I would like to extend sincere gratitude to all of the individuals and merchants who donated product or provided services to help make our Bijou Bike Park grand opening a tremendous success.

On Sept. 19, thousands of youth and families joined City Council and staff to celebrate the Bike Park project with a free barbecue, ice cream, and music. A special thank you to grill master Steve "Tee" Branch and Anthony Pulera for sweating over hot coals for three hours to serve 1,000 people hot dogs and burgers. Emery, Caroline, Audrey, Van, and a few community members who just stepped in to help when they saw the need are all my super heroes for the day.

Additional kudos go to the following businesses who donated product or service to make this day a success: Sierra Gold Seafood, Beacon Restaurant, Lakeview Café, C&M Foods, Raley's, Grocery Outlet, and Bonanza Produce. Throughout the day cash donations were collected on behalf of the Bijou Bike Park Association in the amount of over \$800. The volunteer organization has designated these funds to purchase a permanent tool cache for ongoing maintenance of the park.

Finally, thank you to disc jockey Rob and announcer Jersey J provided by OnCourse Events who provided the energy and a true party atmosphere. Everyone who contributed to this successful event should pat themselves on the back for supporting a new recreation asset that will further identify our region as a recreation destination.

Sincerely,

**Lauren Thomaselli, recreation manager city of South Lake Tahoe**