

Douglas County enforcing alcohol, fireworks laws

Possession and or discharge of fireworks in Douglas County is unlawful – any time of year. Those who violate the laws could be fined \$1,000 and spend six months in county jail.

The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages on Nevada Beach on the July 4 is illegal. This ordinance came about to reduce the many acts of drunkenness and violence associated with alcohol consumption that were experienced on the beach in previous years. Any violation of this ordinance is an infraction, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.

Signs pertaining to the ordinance will be posted at the entrance to Nevada Beach on July 4. The entrance to the beach, as well as the beach itself, will have a heavy presence of law enforcement. Any cooler, backpack, bag, purse or other container is subject to inspection and or seizure anywhere inside Nevada Beach Park.

Elks Point Road will be closed at the intersection of Highway 50 no later than 4:30 pm. At that time, no vehicles will be allowed to enter lower Elks Point Road unless proof of residency or proof of campsite occupancy is established. Elks Point Road will remain closed until the completion of the fireworks display.

Heavy congestion in the areas of Nevada Beach, Round Hill, Zephyr Cove, lower Kingsbury Grade and the Stateline casino core are expected. Lower Lake Parkway may be closed if traffic dictates. Motorists are cautioned to anticipate delays while traveling in these areas.

The U.S. Forest Service will be enforcing a no alcohol policy in the Zephyr Cove Beach Resort and Campground on the July 4 between 10am and midnight. Anyone found in possession of or

consuming alcoholic beverages outside of these established areas on federal lands shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$5,000.