TRPA staff leave cars at home for the day

Don't be alarmed when you don't see cars in the parking lot at TRPA today.

The agency is open.

As part of the Tahoe Bike Challenge and to promote multi-modal transportation at Lake Tahoe, more than 60 staff members of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and adjoining offices will be biking, walking or using alternative transportation to get to work today. All staff have committed to a car-free commute to work.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- The Cork and More in South Lake Tahoe is hosting a wine tasting event to benefit the Tahoe Tallac Association on June 16 at 7pm. Purchase tickets directly through the Cork and More \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Wines from Spain will be featured.
- The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest LGBT civil rights organization, commends Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval for signing AB211 into law. The bill codifies prohibitions against discrimination in employment on the basis of gender identity or expression.
- El Dorado County Board of Supervisors will have a 2011-12 budget workshop June 6 starting at 9am at the Placerville

office. It's possible the workshop will continue throughout the week at 330 Fair Lane.

- Watch out for cyclists on June 5. America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride starts and ends in Stateline that morning. Riders will be going clockwise around the lake.
- Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships is having its annual sunset cruise benefit on June 9. Read the flyer for more information.

Rotarians spend day at Boys & Girls Club

More than 20 local Tahoe Douglas Rotarians donated time and hard work at the Lake Tahoe Boys & Girls Club on April 30 as part of Rotarians At Work Day.

The Rotarians were joined by six kids and parents to build a stage, paint walls and cabinets, and remove broken mirrors.



Rotarians work at Lake Tahoe Boys & Girls Club.

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Rotarians At Work Day is the last Saturday in April each year where clubs around the world identify a hands-on project that all members can participate in to help their local community. Tahoe Douglas Rotary selected to work with the Boys & Girls Club of Lake Tahoe to give back to the South Shore community and to use the project to model community service behavior for younger generations.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Rep. Eliot Engle, D-N.Y., will be the commencement speaker June 24 at Lake Tahoe Community College.

- Edible Communities and its 70 magazines, including *Edible Reno-Tahoe*, won the first James Beard Foundation Publication of the Year Award.
- Lake Tahoe Unified School District board give Superintendent Jim Tarwater a glowing review this month. But finances such as they are, it comes with a gold star, not cash — and a one-year extension.
- "Question of the Week" has replaced "Tahoe Facts" on Lake Tahoe News. Chime in with our opinion and send question ideas to info@LakeTahoeNews.net.
- Walsworth Publishing representative Natasha McGlinn presented a Gallery of Excellence Award to South Tahoe High School yearbook students Torrie Zaccor, Sarah Benedict, Zaida Landeros, Jan Wirtz, and Kailey Killeen for their consistency

and dedication in producing a yearbook that will be used as an example nationwide.

5 South Shore grads earn scholarships from real estate group

Every year the South Tahoe Association of Realtors awards scholarships in honor of past President Barbara Kelly.

The applicants must be graduating with a 3.2 gpa and be an offspring or a stepchild of a current STAR Realtor or affiliate member. This year each recipient was awarded \$600.

There were four graduates from South Tahoe High School and one graduate from Whittell High School.

This year's recipients of the STAR Barbara Kelly Memorial Scholarship from South Tahoe High School are Sarah Benedict, daughter of Dana and Michelle Benedict of Pinnacle Real Estate Group; Kristin Riegel, daughter of Ken Riegel of ReMax Realty Today; Rebecca Sanders, stepdaughter of Jill Sanders of Real Estate eBroker; and Madison Treiber, daughter of Mark Treiber of RPM Mortgage. The recipient from Whittell High School is Matthew Schorr, son of Sue McCall of McCall Realty.

Sarah Benedict will be attending the University of Oregon; Kristin Riegel, CSU Long Beach; Rebecca Sanders, UCLA; Madison Treiber, St. John's College; and Matthew Schorr, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Prescribed fire planned for Upper Kingsbury Grade

U.S. Forest Service fuels management crews will resume prescribed fire operations on Kingsbury Grade near North Benjamin on May 31.

Operations will continue through the week, weather and staff permitting.

Residents and visitors can expect to see smoke from prescribed fire project areas. Smoke management is part of every prescribed fire burn plan, and efforts will be taken to reduce actual or potential smoke impacts on community areas.

This and other prescribed fire projects are designed to reduce wildfire risks to communities and critical resources.

Hot August Nights puts it in gear for Lake Tahoe

Classic chrome polished cars, rock 'n' roll and Lake Tahoe will make for a Hot August Nights to remember, Aug. 6-9 at MontBleu in Stateline.

MontBleu will be the headquarters for show-n-shines, car exhibits, exclusive car auctions, cruises and an outdoor pavilion with food, beverages and great oldies music. Take in the sun with the top down, and then at night step inside

MontBleu to unwind Tahoe-style, with music, dining and a host of shows, including Aaron Lewis Aug. 6 and KC & The Sunshine Band Aug. 7 in the MontBleu Theater.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- "Chicago" will be staged at the Duke Theatre on the campus of Lake Tahoe Community College at 8pm June 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 and at 2pm June 11 and June 19. Tickets are \$15. Call (530) 544.4660, ext. 207 for info.
- National Dairy Month is from June 1-30.
- Northern Sierra Wine Country of Nevada County is now called Sierra Vintners.
- The Nevada Public Utilities Commission is allowing NV Energy to raise its rates 3.4 percent beginning July 1. NV Energy services Nevada customers in the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- The bubble at the South Lake Tahoe community pool is set to come off June 1.
- Here is the Caltrans road work schedule for the coming week for Tahoe/El Dorado County.

Meeting to address Tahoe disability issues

Updated: May 31, 5:05pm.

Session No. 2 of a newly formed work group committed to the development of community-based services for people with disabilities around Lake Tahoe will be June 27 from 1-3pm.

Through the efforts of this group the goal is the needs that exist for opportunities and options for this population can be met by coming together creatively through sharing ideas and resources.

In session No. 1 people identified some of the things community has and identified some of the things it needs.

In the upcoming session the following issues will be addressed:

- 1) Within existing services, how do they currently work together/with families?
- 2) What ideas do we have to generate new inter-agency partnerships?

The meeting is at Lake Tahoe Christian Fellowship, multipurpose room, 3580 Blackwood Road, South Lake Tahoe.

RSVP to Nancy Libby at (530) 577.3221.

Caltrans working on Hwy. 49 in Placerville

Caltrans is alerting motorists to expect delays due to nighttime paving operations scheduled on Highway 49 to Highway193 in Placerville.



Beginning May 31 between the hours of 7pm and 6am the following morning, work will begin on a \$676,600 maintenance project to grind and replace asphalt concrete surfacing at various locations

from Pleasant Valley Road to the top of Sacramento Hill, and grinding and replacing asphalt concrete surfacing the full width of roadway from Sacramento Hill to Highway 193.

Most of the traffic-interferring work will take place at night.

Motorists can expect delays of up to 20 minutes. Completion is expected in early summer.