

Stories about oceans at Zephyr Cove Library

The Douglas County Public Library in Zephyr Cove presents Ocean Stories and Crafts on July 23 at 1:30pm. Miss Carol will read "Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark" by Will Grace and Ken Geist.

Children will sing "At the Aquarium" by Tom Paxton and make a fish-themed craft to take home. For ages 3 and up; young children should be accompanied by an adult. Sign up by July 22.

The Douglas County Public Library is located at 233 Warrior Way. For more information, call (775) 588.6411 or visit douglas.lib.nv.us.

Markleeville Art Gallery reception

Markleeville Art Gallery is having a reception July 20 from 5-8pm.

Some of the artists featured in gallery will be attending the event.

For more information, call (530) 694.2787.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- For the sixth year in a row, Black Bear Inn in South Lake Tahoe has been given the distinction of Editor's Choice by *Fodor's Travel Guide*.

- Mike Laub, who bought Bill's Casino to turn it into a strip club but isn't able to do so because Douglas County put the kibosh on that plan, is not revealing what he might do now. He has not filed any plans with the county. A couple months ago he was calling owners of massage businesses on the South Shore to see if they would like to work there.

- The rumor that Blaise Carrig is staying in town and not going to Colorado to work higher up in the Vail Resorts corporation is false, according to Heavenly Mountain Resort officials. The general manager for the local resort should be named this summer.

- There will be a public hearing July 21 at 2pm at Lake Tahoe Airport before the zoning administrator regarding the Beachcomber Inn's desire to operate a non-motorized boat rental concession on the beach adjacent to the inn at 999 Lakeview Ave. in South Lake Tahoe.

- Bike racks are available for businesses in South Lake Tahoe that have a high-use location for bicycle storage and are committed to being a bicycle friendly business. There is no charge for the racks, but there are terms and conditions for installation, maintenance, and promoting bicycle use among employees and customers. Contact Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition for an application at biketahoe@aol.com or (775) 586.9566.

Placer County assessor temporarily loses Tahoe location

The North Lake Tahoe office of the Placer County Assessor will close temporarily on July 16. A new office on the North Shore will open later this year.

The office is moving temporarily because its current lease has expired and new office space is not ready for occupancy.

In the interim, assessor staff will be available by telephone. Those needing documents or other services typically provided over the counter can be conducted either by mail or at the counter at the Auburn office.

The Tahoe Assessor's Office may be reached at (530) 889. 4300. The Auburn office location is 2980 Richardson Drive. The assessor may also be reached by email at assessor@placer.ca.gov.

Tesla to show its stuff in Incline on July 17

Tesla Motors, maker of the pure electric high performance sports car, will be bringing the pure electric roadster to Incline Village this Saturday.

The zero-emission Roadster accelerates from zero-60 in 3.7 seconds without a drop of gasoline, making it faster than many sports cars yet and twice as energy-efficient as a hybrid.

The hand-built carbon fiber roadster takes no gas and produces no fumes.

As part of Tesla's Summer Electric Roadster Tour, it will be in Incline Village to show that electric cars are a reality and don't need to compromise in design, performance and engineering.

The Tesla will be at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, 111 Country Club Drive, Incline Village, on Saturday from 10am-5pm.

Free flights for kids during August air show

Kids fly free Aug. 28 during the annual air show at Lake Tahoe Airport.

Those ages 8-17 are eligible.

The times are 7-9am, noon-1 and after 4pm. This could change based on weather conditions and pilot availability.

Register at Mountain West Aviation, 1841 Airport Road, Lake Tahoe Airport, in advance of the flight time.

Fireworks spark inquiries

By Susan Wood

Your calendar hasn't failed you.

The fireworks spectacle on July 13 was set from Tahoe Lakeshore Lodge through a private party so large it takes up most of the resort and spills over into Lakeland Village, lodge and city officials confirmed Wednesday.

The 10-minute, professional-grade display prompted calls to the South Lake Tahoe police and fire departments, along with emails to **Lake Tahoe News**, from residents on both sides of town.

American Discount Tire, which celebrated its 50th business anniversary, secured the permit with the city fire marshal for the lavish extravaganza involving 500 people and at least 150 trips given away to honor its employees. The company is better known for throwing large volleyball tournaments on the beach.

It was the first for fireworks off shore on a barge.

"It was a Catch 22. If (organizers) had advertised the fireworks, people would have showed up. It was a private party," said Ray Zachau, city fire marshal. He was on hand to watch the display.

According to Zachau, the 5-inch fireworks shells were half the size of those used in the traditional 4th of July displays.

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- Are you going to the American Century Celebrity Golf Tournament? If so, bring your entrance ticket to Lakeside Inn Casino at Stateline for a free drink token and \$5 gaming coupon.
- The Troy Management Group of Reno will spend \$776,850 to remodel the Mt. Rose Campground on Mount Rose Highway. The campground is closed this season.
- The Black Bear Inn is offering dinner – but only for people who stay overnight. Chef Alex Elsaesser joined the South Tahoe bed and breakfast this summer. He is using fruits and veggies from the farmers' markets; Overland Meat Company for meat, wild fowl, free-range poultry and fresh seafood; and Grass Roots for dry ingredients.
- Placerville voters will decide in November if they want the sales tax to go up a quarter cent to 8.75 percent.
- Budget Travel calls Donner Lake one of the best lakes to visit for summer fun.

Social media training seminars

Eager to ride the social media wave but just not sure where to start? Join the PCC for our Hands-On Social Media on Aug. 3, 10 and 17 from 6-7:30pm.

What: Hands-On Social Media Training Series; click flyer for more details.

Where: DWR Center, 948 Incline Way, Incline Village.

Who: Instructor is Jaime Olive, AmeriCorps Member, Parasol Community Collaboration.

Lake Tahoe Prosperity Plan draft to be unveiled

The North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce is a sponsor of the Lake Tahoe Basin Prosperity Plan Community Meeting on July 15 from 2-3:30pm at the North Tahoe Event Center, 8318 North Lake Blvd. in Kings Beach.

Attendees will hear a presentation on the draft of the Lake Tahoe Prosperity Plan, a collaborative project undertaken by the five counties, South Lake Tahoe, the North Lake Tahoe and the Lake Tahoe South Shore chambers of commerce and education partners.

The plan provides a strategic road map for the future prosperity of the Lake Tahoe Basin, building upon the region's tourism assets and envisioning the region as a world-class center of innovation for a green and sustainable economy. The goal is to foster living wage jobs and opportunities for entrepreneurs, local businesses, and workers to thrive, while protecting and renewing the treasure of Lake Tahoe and the basin's precious natural assets.

For more information about the event, contact Trish Kelly of Applied Development Economics at (916) 448.2456, or

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