



# TCPUD

## QUARTERLY

# NEWS

A Report to Our Community

October 2011

## Tips to Avoid Frozen Pipes This Winter

Frozen pipes can cause significant property damage and waste thousands of gallons of water. Here are some general guidelines to prevent frozen pipes:

- When not occupied, shut off the water to the house and drain all the internal piping
  - Never run bleeder lines or trickle small amounts of water from fixtures to prevent freezing. This practice wastes our natural resources and violates TCPUD Ordinance 185, an enforceable violation.
  - Close or block vents to crawl spaces to avoid cold air drafts
  - Locate and mark the water shut off box at the street with a visible stake
  - Locate and mark sewer cleanouts
- For more information, you can call 530-583-3796, x30.

Help us protect your health, your home, and OUR Lake – remember:  
**“Wipes Clog Pipes!”**

Use the trash can, not the toilet.  
The **ONLY** things that should be flushed are toilet paper and human waste.

**TCPUD Mission:** *To serve the people, our community, and its environment by providing safe and reliable water and sewer service for the protection of public health, and parks and recreation services to enhance quality of life.*

**YOUR TAX DOLLARS, RATES & GRANT FUNDING AT WORK ...**

## Current TCPUD Capital Projects

### 2011 WATER PROJECTS:

A total of nine projects with approximately \$1.9 million invested in water system upgrades and replacements including:

- Installation of 4,790 feet of new water lines
- 18 new fire hydrants installed
- Upgrades to water line services and mains

These projects were funded from grants, property taxes and rates.

### 2011 SEWER PROJECTS

A total of 11 projects with approximately \$300,000 invested in sewer system upgrades including:

- Sewer System rehabilitation involving man-hole rehabilitations, pump station controls, pump station flow meters and lateral repairs

These projects were funded from property taxes and rates.

### 2011 PARK & RECREATION PROJECTS

- Lakeside Trail, Phase VII Trail segment through CA State Recreation area next to the Lighthouse Center was completed summer 2011 and is now open  
Funded in full by California Tahoe Conservancy grants and NLTRA/Placer County (Transient Occupancy Tax) funds.

- TRPA BMP projects at Highlands and Fairway Community Centers
- Trail signage along the bike trail network

Funded in full through a grant from the NLTRA/Placer County (Transient Occupancy Tax).

- Tahoe City Dog Park opened in June 2011. Located in downtown Tahoe City just off Hwy 28 on Grove Street (behind Fat Cat Café and below Connors field)  
Funded in full through private donations and non-profit funding including a generous donation from Melanie Jackson and the Truckee Tahoe Humane Society.

# New Faces at TCPUD

• **TERRI VIEHMANN** recently joined the team as District Clerk and brings a



strong background to her position. Her previous experience includes working as an Executive Assistant to the General Manager at Northstar for 12

years, and serving as General Manager at Fleur du Lac for almost 3 years. Terri loves living in North Tahoe and carries her passion for the outdoors and education to her community service. She is a long time volunteer for the Tahoe Nordic Search & Rescue Team and serves on the Board of the Excellence in Education Foundation. Terri replaces Ginger Charlton who retired this summer.

• **RAMONA CRUZ** will join the District management team as the new Treasurer, Director of Accounting & Employee Services, effective October 31st. Ramona will work closely with Jim Dykstra during a two-month transition as he prepares to retire at the end of the year. Ramona comes to the TCPUD with 21 years of financial experience, most

notably in a similar role for 10 years with the Incline Village General



Improvement District. She is a licensed CPA in California and Nevada and has won numerous financial management awards.

Ramona has lived in the Tahoe Vista/Kings Beach area for 25 years.

• **DOUG FORCE** was recently hired as a full time Operations Specialist I which means he's busy working in the field maintaining District sewer and water systems.



Doug has extensive experience with the Tahoe underground including 16 years working for Tapco. Doug is a team player and his positive, can-do

attitude and strong background make him a great addition to our team. He grew up in Tahoe and is thrilled to be back and be able to raise his son here.

## Fall Family & Community Events

### HARVEST FESTIVAL & PUMPKIN PATCH

Saturday, October 22, 10am-2pm, Rideout Community Center, FREE  
Bring the family and join in a great day of Fall fun and games at the annual Harvest Festival and Pumpkin Patch. Community groups will sell food and offer carnival games, pony rides and hay rides. Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes will be available for purchase and decorating.

### DOWNTOWN TAHOE CITY TRICK OR TREAT

Monday, October 31, 4pm-6pm, Heritage Plaza, downtown Tahoe City  
FREE treat bag and glow stick while "Trick or Treating" along Tahoe City sidewalks.

### TCPUD HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

Saturday, November 5th, 10am-3pm, Rideout Community Center, FREE  
Local crafters from the area will feature their seasonal gifts and treasures for sale.

### RIDEOUT KIDZ CLUB

An all inclusive, recreation-based afterschool program for children from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Program schedule follows the TTUSD school calendar with special seasonal programs offered during school breaks. Call 530-583-3440 x10 for more information and to sign up your child.

## Budget Planning for 2012

TCPUD is currently developing its budget and goals for 2012. Each fall the Board and staff prepare work plans, itemize project priorities and prepare cost estimates for the upcoming calendar year. TCPUD will hold a series of budget workshops and Board meetings in October that lead up to final budget adoption at the November Board meeting. All meetings are open to the public. TCPUD invites you to get involved and share your suggestions and comments. During workshops and meetings the Board and staff consider public comments, assess all projected expenditures, and set the goals for the coming year.

### The importance of your input in this process cannot be stressed enough!

Meeting schedules will be posted to the website [www.tahoecitypud.com](http://www.tahoecitypud.com) or you can call 530-583-3796, x0 to sign up to receive meeting announcements and agendas directly.



## Visit us at Rideout!

Rideout Community Center offers something for all ages ...

- Full-size indoor gym
- Fitness room
- Recreation programs, classes and sport leagues
- Free wireless internet service
- Computer lab
- Great location for birthday parties
- Indoor game area and pool table
- Playhouse Cubby Room
- Kidz Club afterschool program

Rideout Community Center is located on the west shore at 720 Timberland Lane.

Hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm and weekends 9am-5pm  
\$2 drop in fee

