

Lakeside Park Association

Newsletter

November/December 2021 edition

A hearty hello to all and welcome to the fall season around Lake Tahoe. Although still in a drought we got a big load of water from a storm called a “cyclone bomb” towards the end of October. Though not official by any means, per our long-time marina lessee Bob Hassett, that first big storm provided enough water to raise the lake level 7”! That’s a lot of water. We hope the storm door stays open this year as we definitely need the water and snow.

Marina Reservation Forms:

Included with this newsletter are the 2022 marina slip reservation forms for those Members interested in renting a slip for the upcoming season. Please review the information and make sure you get your completed forms and payments back by the deadlines on the forms. Remember only Members get early access to secure marina slips before they are available to the general public and Members receive an 80% discount on their first slip over the public rates. Those Members seeking to reserve two slips are not eligible for a discount on the second slip.

Beach Pass Policy 2022:

On Tuesday, November 9, 2021, the Board of Directors approved and voted to pass the beach pass guidelines for the 2022 season. The policy was emailed to all whose information is on file for each Member property. The policy was for the most part a continuation of the rules put into effect towards the end of July 2021. Unfortunately, to meet increasing costs to maintain and operate the beach, the board has had to adjust some of the rates upwards. We are disappointed to have to increase some of the rates however to keep the beach clean and safe for our guests it was unavoidable.

Azure Waterline Replacement:

The project to replace the 1500 ft of aging waterline infrastructure on Azure Avenue has been completed, which extended the mainline from Azure Ave. to Greenwood Ave. creating a “loop” in our system between the two streets which eliminated a dead end & improved flow. The work began in September and took a little over a month to complete. In addition to replacement of the main waterline, all properties have had new service shutoff valves installed. Our water company has since mapped each service valve using GPS coordinates in case someone paves over the valves, which has occurred in the past. LPA has been planning and budgeting for replacement of the old steel pipes in the distribution system with modern piping that resists corrosion, minimalizes leakage issues, and should last for over 50 years. Our water manager Nakia Foskett and her team are now focusing on future projects, including replacement of the remaining aging distribution system on Pine Boulevard, Manzanita and Stateline Ave as well as several preventative maintenance projects.



New LPA Water Service Customers:

Work has also been completed to provide water service to some of our neighbors on the east side of Stateline Avenue. These homes have been served by private wells that are now beginning to fail, leaving some property owners without a source for reliable drinking water. Since LPA's water system is the closest to the area it made the most sense to connect these properties to our distribution system. This annexation into LPA's service area was completed in conjunction with and the support of the State of California, local agencies, and South Tahoe Public Utilities District. In addition to providing potable water, LPA provided very needed fire protection infrastructure to the area. These new customers are not Members in the typical sense but will be Licensee Members that will now have the opportunity to receive the same great tasting water that all of our Members and their guests currently enjoy.

**Clean The Lake Program:**

In a previous newsletter, it was mentioned that LPA had partnered with the "Clean Up The Lake" diving volunteer program. The goal was to have the volunteers provide service to the Lakeside Beach area that is under the water. Unfortunately, the heavy smoke and fires during August and September impacted and set back their scheduled events to complete in 2021. We are on the schedule for 2022 and look forward to the amazing work they will do in our area to help keep the lake clean.

Charitable Efforts:

A round of applause and thank you to Board Member Chet Pipkin for his hosting a Halloween "Spookyacular" charitable event at the Desolation Hotel. All proceeds benefited the Wildland Firefighter Foundation and the El Dorado Community Foundation's Caldor Fire Fund. We understand it was a great success and appreciate his efforts to support two very worthy causes. Any of our other Members that put on charitable events for the community, please let us know. We would be happy to try to promote the event here or at least say thank you.

That's all we have for this edition of the newsletter. As usual we want to thank all our Members for their support and please feel free to contact us if we can help. Have a safe (and snowy) holiday season. Take care.