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June 8, 9am

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June 25, 9am

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August 17, 9am

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president's perspective

Dear Homeowners,

Welcome to summer! We hope you are planning to spend some time up at NPOA this summer. Below I have provided a brief financial update as well as some exciting summer updates.

Financial Update

First, let me assure you that we are tracking well on our budget. In our first fiscal quarter, we are trending under budget and hope to continue to stay on track throughout the year. In April we completed our 2023 Audit. Our audit was performed by McClintock Accountancy. They deemed that our financial statements for 2023 were presented in a fair manner and conform with accounting principles generally accepted. The final audit results were distributed to members in late April and can be found on our homeowner portal for your perusal.

Rec Center Updates

Upcoming Projects: We reviewed our survey results that we recently conducted in the winter of 2023. We appreciated those of you (over 40% of homeowners) who took the time to fill out the survey and provide comments as well. With this information in hand, we feel confident in reviewing options for capital

improvement projects for this year. For 2024 we have a Capital Improvement Budget of \$100,000. At our Board of Directors meeting on April 20, 2024, we discussed many possible ideas for how best to use these funds. We voted to approve installing air-conditioning only in the staff offices. Our objective was to ensure our employees were comfortable working at the Rec Center, especially during the summer months. Many summers can be extremely hot and with summer fires becoming more common, air conditioning is essential when windows cannot be opened for fresh air. Our second capital improvement focuses on replacing the orange tables in the pool area and creating more shaded areas in that space. In the survey, many homeowners were particularly interested in both projects being completed. In addition to the previously mentioned capital improvements, we are currently in the process of interviewing general contractors for the remodeling of the women's bathroom which falls under replacement reserves. We hope to begin this project in the fall of 2024. Please stay tuned for updates on these projects as we are just getting started. For survey results, please visit the NPOA homeowner portal.

Massage Services: NEW THIS SUMMER! Tahoe Yoga and Wellness will be offering massage services throughout the summer at the Rec Center. We hope all of you take advantage of this service and support this local business. Appointments will be available from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. To make inquiries or appointments please call 530.550.8333 or go online to www.tahoe yoga.com. Please note that Tahoe Yoga and Wellness will be operating as an independent contractor for massage services. The Front Desk will not be able to assist in booking appointments. All inquiries will need to be addressed by Tahoe Yoga and Wellness.

Food & Beverage Vendor: NEW THIS SUMMER! We are excited to announce our new food & beverage vendor, Northstar Poolside. Poolside will be operated by Incline Burger. The menu consists of fresh snacks, salads, flatbreads, sandwiches and wraps and of course some kid friendly menu items as well. Poolside will be open all summer from June 15th through September 2nd from 11am to 5pm daily. Their beverage offering will include both beer and wine as well as soft drinks.

Tennis and Pickleball: The middle three tennis courts needed resurfacing, and this will be completed in June. The upper courts will be striped with both tennis and pickleball lines since last summer we noticed an increased demand for pickleball games and wanted to make sure there were enough courts for summer demand. We are delighted to announce that Tony Ramsdell, our tennis director, is back. Tony is a certified tennis and pickleball instructor who has been teaching in Southern and Northern California for over 20 years. During his career, he



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has developed junior programs as well as pickleball programs. He is passionate about both sports and loves working with people of all ages and skill levels. He will be offering lessons, clinics, tournaments, and socials for both tennis and pickleball throughout the summer. Our local homeowner Fred Sasifour will be spearheading with Tony the pickleball programs this summer as well. So, please come out and join us on the courts. Tony can be contacted in the Pro Shop at 530.562.0321 and via email at northstartennisandpickle@gmail.com. More information can be found at his website www.northstartennisandpickle.com.

Yoga: For all the yoga enthusiasts, Tahoe Yoga and Wellness will be back, starting on Saturday, June 15th through Saturday, August 31st. This class will almost always be on Saturday mornings at 9:30am with a couple of Sunday mornings. Don't forget to bring your mats! You can sign up by calling the Front Desk at 530.562.0320. The cost per class will be \$15.

Summer Events

We have a fantastic lineup of events planned for you and your families this summer. On July 4th, we will be hosting an Ice Cream Giveaway for kids. On July 14th join us in the Member Lounge to watch the Men's Wimbledon Final - tasty snacks and drinks

will be served - all are welcome whether you play tennis or not. Then, mark your calendars for the Summer BBQ on July 20th. On August 3rd join us in our Member Lounge for our Annual Cocktail Party. And to end the summer, the NPOA Annual Meeting and Homeowner BBQ will take place on August 31st. We will be sending out e-blasts with updates on all these homeowner events for those signed up for email correspondence. Please check your inbox for updates and there will also be information available at our Front Desk.

To keep track of all these events, please see the Calendar of Events on page 8.

As always, if you have any questions or need further information, do not hesitate to reach out to us. We hope you have a fantastic summer filled with enjoyable activities and cherished moments with your loved ones.



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general manager's report

Spring has sprung in our beautiful mountain community at Northstar. As of mid-May, our team is very busy ramping up for a fun-filled summer season at the NPOA Recreation Center. Following are a few updates:

Summer Operations

The NPOA team has been working hard this spring to prepare the NPOA Recreation Center facilities for the 2024 summer season. Tasks include: dethatching, aerating, soil/grass restoration of the lawns; irrigation start-up and repairs; raking debris from the many landscaping beds; adding yards of mulch throughout the property; cleaning and maintenance on all patio areas; pulling patio furniture and signage from storage areas and setting up on the Main Pool and Lap Pool deck; setting up lifeguard equipment; spring cleaning the Bear Hut and purchasing inventory for summer activities; Clearing all tennis/pickleball courts of landscaping debris; Setting up nets, dividers, windscreens, benches, etc. for tennis and pickleball courts; Preparing our seasonal spaces such as the Tennis Pro Shop and Deli space for summer operations. Adjacent to the Recreation Center is the Nature Trail or West Martis Creek Trail which crosses parcels owned by multiple different entities including

NPOA. Our staff walked the trail and removed fallen debris as well as contacted other property owners regarding several fallen trees on the trail. Thank you to our entire team pitching in to complete these many tasks!

Summer Staffing

The pool of available and local staff in our mountain community continues to be very challenging. However, it does seem to be improving. We start recruiting summer seasonal staff during the winter season, with interviews typically starting in March. This summer, we will have a great core of returning as well as a mix a few new lifeguards. We also have some great new staff lined up to provide some fun activities at the Bear Hut. As previously communicated and mentioned in the President's Perspective, we welcome several returning and several new independent contractors this summer. We are excited to have Anthony (Tony) Ramsdell back this summer as the Director of Tennis and Pickleball. Bear Paw Provisions provided wonderful food and beverage services for the last three summers but opted not to return this summer. So, we contracted with the team from Inclined Burger in the Village to provide food and beverage services for the 2024 summer season. And finally,

Tahoe Yoga & Wellness will be back to provide weekly yoga services as well as massage services!

Financial Update

The great news is through April 2024, NPOA is trending very well to budget. Many variable expenses and revenues occur during the summer season, so by mid-September, we typically have a very good projection for the remainder of the fiscal year. Work has already started on updates to the reserve study and preparing the 2025 budget, which will be approved during the Board of Director's meeting in October.

In closing, there are many construction-related projects in development and being planned for this summer and into 2025. There are also many exciting activities occurring throughout the Northstar community this summer of 2024. So, in addition to the NPOA-focused updates included under the President's Perspective article, please take a few minutes to read the updates from NCSD and other contributors to this edition of Northstar Living.

Important Community Reminders

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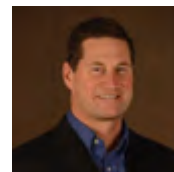
Trash Disposal - Please remember to completely close and latch dumpsters after every use at the dumpster Site on Northstar Drive and at all the Condominium complexes. It is extremely important to secure and close lids as

tightly as possible, as bears will reach through even small openings and pull trash from the top of the dumpster. Please see the Design Review Committee section in this edition of Northstar Living for more information. And a reminder for single-family residences that trash cans installed inside Bear Boxes, Bear Sheds, or placed curbside the day of trash service (currently every Monday) may be no larger than 32 gallons or 60 pounds in weight. TTSD will service trash cans left the morning of service curbside or from the Bear Box within 25' from the edge of the roadway. If a Bear Box or Bear Shed is located more than 25' from the edge of the roadway, there are three service options available: 1) homeowner must bring trash cans to the curbside by 6:00 am day of service 2) sign a waiver with TTSD to allow them to drive on your driveway closer to your shed or bear box or 3) set up an account with TTSD and pay a monthly trip charge for collection personnel to walk to your bear box or shed. If the bear box or shed is more than 25' and one of these three options are not selected, TTSD personnel will not service your residence. If you would like to have TTSD personnel inspect your lot and possibly sign a waiver or set up an account, please contact TTSD at 530.583.7800.

Recreation Center access - For our members and their immediate family members on their access list, please remember bring in your member card when visiting the Rec Center. We also ask that you convey to your rental guests to bring in one of the guest access cards and inform them that each guest 5 and older will pay an \$10 per person guest fee to use the facility. We continue to have many short-term rental guests who show up at the Recreation Center with no guest card and no rental confirmation information to identify where they are staying. So again, please be sure to provide information for your guests if you would like for them to have access to the Recreation Center. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Single-Family Residence

Exterior Projects - A Project Review Application and accompanying fees must be submitted for project approval, and when appropriate issuance of a Permit, prior to starting any maintenance or improvement work on the exterior of single-family residences.



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Weekend Morning Yoga Classes

Beginning June 15

Free Ice Cream for Kids on July 4th

July 4

Wimbledon Final Watch Party in the Lounge

July 14

Summer Poolside BBQ

July 20

Homeowner Cocktail Reception in the Lounge

August 3

Live Music Event

August 24

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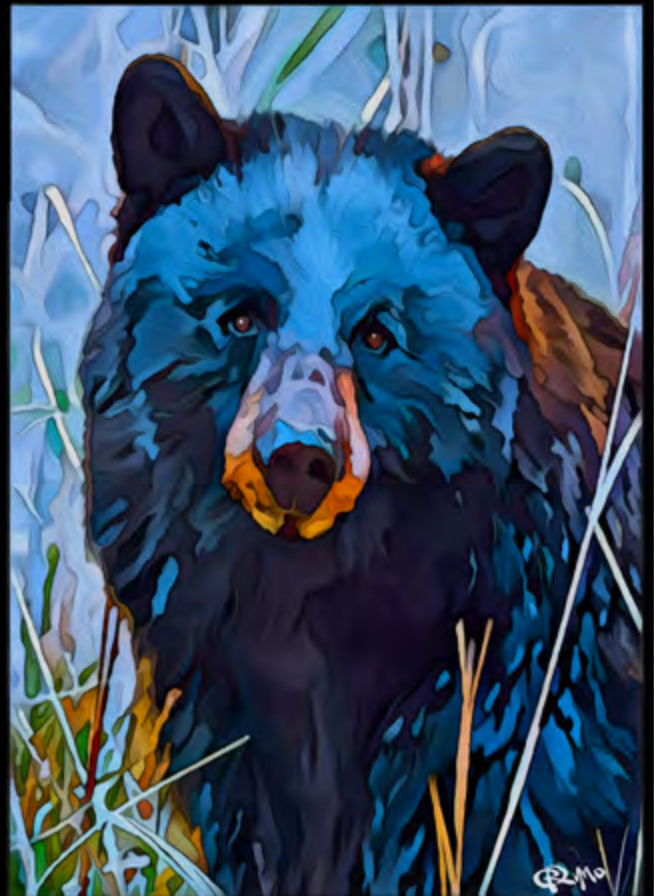
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NCSD General Manager Mike Staudenmayer Announces Retirement - District Board to appoint Mike Geary as Assistant General Manager

After two decades of dedicated service to the Northstar Community Services District (NCSD), General Manager Mike Staudenmayer has announced his retirement effective in December 2024.

Mike Staudenmayer joined the NCSD in 2004 with a mission to support the planning and construction of various critical infrastructure projects, including water, sewer, road, fire protection, and trail systems. Over the course of his tenure, he has achieved far more than his initial mandate. Staudenmayer is credited with spearheading significant projects, such as the construction of the Martis Valley Trail, a five-mile paved Class I bike trail connecting Truckee and Northstar and the successful implementation of the community's robust Forest Fuels Management Program. His leadership resulted in the treatment of over 2,000 acres to mitigate the risk of catastrophic wildfire. He has also played a significant role in advancing the planning and permitting of what is anticipated to be the region's first wood utilization facility that will convert hazardous forest fuels into renewable heat energy for the Northstar Village.

Reflecting on his remarkable career, Staudenmayer noted, "It has been a privilege to serve the Northstar community and be a part of its growth and development. I am proud of what we have accomplished together, and I have full confidence in the continued success of the District under new leadership."

Staudenmayer also played a pivotal role in overseeing the planning, design, and construction of municipal services necessary to support the development of Northstar's \$1 billion real-estate development, including the Village at Northstar, the Ritz Carlton complex, and several Highlands and Village neighborhoods. New District facilities, including two drinking water wells, a 1-MGD micro-filtration water treatment plant, an expanded corporation yard, Highlands fire station and a new Administration building, were built to support the growing community. Staudenmayer also led the District's acquisition of the Martis Valley Water System serving the rapidly growing communities of Lahontan, Martis Camp, Schaffers Mill and Hopkins Village.

In recent years, Mike Staudenmayer has been instrumental in working closely with property owners to explore reasonable and affordable wildfire insurance alternatives, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to the fiscal sustainability and well-being of Northstar property owners.

Looking toward the future, Mike Geary, currently serving as the General Manager at the Olympic Valley Public Service District (OVPSD), is set to return to NCSD in April 2024, taking on the role of Assistant General Manager. Geary, who previously worked at NCSD for six years as their Director of Public Works, expressed excitement about this new opportunity and acknowledged the bittersweet feeling of leaving the high-performing team he helped build at OVPSD over the last 12½ years. He stated, "I am fortunate to be able to look forward to returning to Northstar while looking back at a rewarding career at OVPSD."

As the NCSD bids farewell to Mike Staudenmayer, it anticipates a seamless transition under the leadership of Mike Geary and remains committed to the continued growth and well-being of the Northstar community.





The following is an update NPOA has received from Vail Resorts regarding Summer Operations at Northstar California. Vail will be constantly updating their website with summer event information, so make sure to keep an eye out to stay up to date with what is available in the village this coming summer. For any questions or additional information, please visit the Northstar California website at www.northstarcalifornia.com or call the resort directly at 530.562.1010.

By the time this issue has been mailed out to NPOA homeowners, both the Golf Course and the Bike Park have opened for the summer season. Additionally, Vail has announced they will be extending Bike Park hours every Friday evening from July 12 to August 20, and allowing riders to get their laps in until 7pm. Vail will be announcing further special Friday night programming on their website during these peak summer weeks.



Also returning this summer, the Wilderness Adventure Camp, Kids Mountain Bike Camp, and Sunday Mountain Bike Seasonal Program will all be available this year. The village will also provide a lively atmosphere with activities such as live music, roller skating, bocce ball, and weekend kids' scoot bike course to go along with the shopping, dining, and other events that will help keep Village spirits high.

Lastly, a couple of dates to make a note of. This summer brings a significant milestone as it marks the 25th anniversary of the Downhill Race Series, which is one of the longest standing downhill race series in the country. On June 23rd, Northstar California will be kicking off the series with the Vista Short Course Race. Shortly thereafter, on June 29th, the village will be throwing the Celebrate Freedom Fest to commemorate the upcoming holiday week.

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The following are the rules for authorized use at the dumpster site:

Hours of Operation: The dumpster site is available from 7am to 8pm seven (7) days a week.

Rules for Authorized Use: The following rules are for authorized use of the dumpster site. They have been in effect for many years, but have frequently been ignored. They are simple and straightforward:

- The dumpster site is to be used only by Northstar homeowners and their authorized guests, including tenants, renters, management companies or professional services.
- Homeowners that make their key cards available to any other person/entity assume responsibility for anything that person/entity deposits at the dumpster site.
- The dumpster site is only for disposal of normal household waste and recyclables and is not a landfill. All items being disposed of must be placed in the dumpsters or recycle bins. No items shall be left outside of the dumpsters on the ground.
- The dumpster site is not for construction use or construction debris. Key cards are not to be given to contractors by homeowners to dispose of construction materials. Contractors are required to dispose of their waste at other local disposal sites which are intended for this use. On projects requiring NPOA design and construction approval

a street side dumpster is required and waste is to be hauled away regularly from the jobsite.

- The dumpster site is not to be used for disposal of old mattresses, furniture or other similar large items. These types of items should be taken to the Eastern Regional Landfill located at 900 Cabin Creek Road, Truckee, CA 96161 which is currently open 7am - 4pm Monday - Friday and 8am - 4pm on Saturday. For the most current information go to www.waste101.com.
- The dumpster site is not for disposal of E-Waste or hazardous materials (TV's, computers, batteries, paint/stain and /or chemicals). Again, the Eastern Regional Landfill is available for such items. We may, on occasion, provide specialized dumpsters for E-Waste disposal around the summer holiday weekends, in which case notice of this will be sent to homeowners.
- The dumpster site is not a place to leave "give away" items such as old ski equipment, sleds, bikes, yard equipment and furniture etc.. There are local charities which may accept such items.

- Yard waste should not be disposed of at the dumpster site. NCSD provides a service during the summer months for collecting and disposing of pine needles and similar compostable yard waste.
- The cost to address unauthorized dumping at the dumpster site is passed on to Northstar homeowners.

Enforcement of Rules for Use: As the posted rules at the dumpster site have long stated, violation of these basic principles will subject offenders to fines, and for repeated offenses, may result in loss of privileges to utilize NPOA facilities. NCSD and NPOA will address such situations on a case-by-case basis after notice to violators has been given. The gate system includes cameras which will permit us to identify vehicles which dump unauthorized materials, and the entry system at the gate will identify the card used in such cases.

Conclusion: We hope everyone will cooperate with these simple rules to help us combat abuse at the dumpster site. As always, please make sure to lock the dumpster bins to prevent access to our neighborhood bear population.

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Welcome Northstar Homeowners and guests to the 2024 golf season! We are excited for the upcoming season as our staff has been working very hard to get the product ready. The maintenance team has been working on several projects throughout the golf course and we expect the product to be at a high standard.

The driving range and all 18 holes will be open on Friday, May 24th. Food and beverage options will also be available every day starting May 24. For more information or to book a tee time, please scan the QR code located on page 15. Season pass

information is on the website as well as daily rates. Northstar property owners receive a discount on season passes only.

As we prepare to open in a few days, we will be removing the winter signs around the course with appropriate summer signage. At this point, pedestrians or any non-golfers are not permitted on the golf course property. This is for the safety of everyone and while in operation, the golf course is reserved only for paying customers. Any non-golfer seen on the course will be asked to leave immediately during the time we are open and operating from May 24 - Oct 31.

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The golf course received some new golf carts this season and ongoing projects are being completed, such as bridge and cart path repair. We appreciate the business as we see you out here on the links this summer and always thank you for your cooperation this season moving forward in helping us maintain the safety and standards of the product.

Lessons and clinics will be available so please call if interested. Please reach out with any questions at 530.562.3290.

Thanks, Jarrett Bower, Director of Golf

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- Attend river talks to stay informed of past and present threats to the Truckee River Watershed and learn how you can protect and restore it. Or, host a River Talk by inviting a group of 8-12 of your friends to your home for a River Talk provided by TRWC.
- Participate in the Adopt-A-Stream program to monitor water quality in creeks and streams around Northstar using fun and easy-to-learn scientific techniques.
- Help on Truckee River Day with your friends and family to repair our mountain home by planting native vegetation, protecting sensitive areas, and create resiliency in our landscape!



Forest Restoration – A Holistic Approach To A Resilient Watershed

The Truckee River Watershed Council, established in 1996, began with restoring the meadows, and streams that feed the Truckee River in a deliberate and disciplined way. Now, building on these successes, forests restoration is an equal focus of our restoration efforts in the watershed.

A healthy forest consists of old growth trees with a full overstory and thicker bark for resilience amongst natural, less intense wildfire. Its trees are spaced far enough apart to allow for soft, yet sparse understories of fern, lupine and chinquapin emerging from soils rich in organic matter. Healthy forests are less susceptible to soil erosion, disease, and high severity burns. Tree age diversity and less debris on the forest floor means there is less fuel to feed and magnify a wildfire. This is the historic, natural state of our forests in the Sierra Nevada (photo to the right). Restored woodlands catch sediment and toxins before reaching our waters and promote lower severity wildfires, which keep the forest floor free of debris and allow wetlands to remain intact. A resilient watershed requires a holistic approach to watershed restoration.

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- Establishing a forest mosaic to support diverse wildlife and habitat.
- Improve hydrologic connectivity across the landscape to reduce competition for limited water resources, promote the movement of water underground, and in the canopy through photosynthesis and evapotranspiration.



We've deployed over \$1 million for healthy forests in the past decade - and we are ready to do more. We convened and facilitated the Sagehen Collaborative Forest Project, and restored hundreds of acres of forest in the Dry Creek and

Independence Creek basins. Through our partnerships, we completed a Forest Health Assessment in 2021 for the Middle Truckee River Watershed. And in our recently formed Middle

Truckee River Watershed Forest Partnership (MTRWFP), we will take the lead on facilitating 3 new forest restoration projects totaling 7500 acres in 2024 and 2025 in the northeast portion of the watershed near Boca and Stampede dams.

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Summer has arrived and it's time to stow away the skis and dust off those golf clubs. By the time this article is published the golf course is open and our golf season is in full swing. Come out and join the ladies for a round of golf. We play every Tuesday morning starting around 8:30. This year we want to make it extra entertaining by adding games to our Tuesday play. The Northstar golf course offers a variety of pass options with discounts to Northstar owners and will honor the late-morning pass and offer a discounted single-day rate for those ladies playing on Tuesday mornings.

If you want to come out and play just a round to get a feel for the group, send an email to Marian Hansen at sidebcorp@aol.com the Saturday before the Tuesday you wish to play and she will get you set up. We will play until the course closes in

October. For those of you who join, we will hold our 2024 tournament on August 27, a friendly competition with prizes.

There is a change this year. Both men and women have the ability to be part of the Northstar Golf Club. If you would like the opportunity to establish a handicap and post your scores to the GHIN network, you can scan the QR Code and become a member of the Northstar Golf Club. The cost to join just the Northstar Golf Club is \$37.00. If you have not used the GHIN app in a while, there has been a number of upgrades such as how you can post your score and course maps.

For those women interested in joining the Northstar Women's Golf Club, you would

select the option to join the Northstar Golf Club and also join the Northstar Women's Golf Club (NWGC). The total cost is \$75.00. We are always looking for new members and you do not have to live at Northstar to join. So, if you have friends who would be



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Aspen Grove

What a crazy spring we have had this year with more snow falling in early May! Let's hope we can soon welcome blue skies, warm sunshine and budding leaves on our new Aspen trees.

The 34 Aspens that were planted last fall have hopefully weathered the winter. Now that their wraps have been removed, we hope to see them all begin to thrive in their new location and certainly be appreciated by all our Aspen Grove homeowners. An above ground irrigation system has been installed to help preserve and encourage strong root growth. Thank you CAMCO crew! Once the trees are well established and healthy, the irrigation system will no longer be necessary. In addition, walk-on bark could be a nice added touch to the area once the system is installed.

Thanks to an active and forward-looking Board of Directors, the L&AC is excited to announce the approval by the Board of replacing all exterior front entry lights throughout our property. The custom made lights will have an adjustable 2-level motion



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sensor and GFCI outlet. Hopefully, the fixtures will be on site for installation before the end of the summer.

Aspen Grove residents continue to enjoy the safety and security of our newly installed entrance gates. Parking spaces are more readily available to homeowners, guests and renters and the grounds appear to be cleaner and void of abusers using our dumpsters.

The Landscape & Aesthetic Committee is sponsoring its' 6th Annual Volunteer Work Party on Saturday, July 20. Aspen Grove homeowners are encouraged to join their neighbors in helping to spruce up the grounds surrounding our many buildings and to help maintain and assist in our efforts to comply with defensible space regulations so that we are able to keep our property safe from wildfires. All those helping with these efforts can enjoy a catered deli lunch and engage with familiar and new faces in our community.

Indian Hills

What a wonderful spring we had, even a surprise two-foot snowstorm in May! Summer is a great time to be at Indian Hills, with long warm days, lots of activities at the Recreation Center, and throughout the Truckee-Tahoe area.

The trail system in the area continues to expand so get out and hike, bike, or e-bike! For the thrill seekers, you can mountain bike down your favorite ski run! To learn more about trails and bikeways in the area, just Google Truckee Trails and Bikeways, and there are several great resources, including from the Town of Truckee.

Our Indian Hills Board of Directors election is coming up in September. There are two seats up for election this year. Thank you to Bryan Miller and Jodee Brydges, who will be concluding their current terms. They will both be running for re-election and we invite you to run as well should you want to serve on the Board!

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Property insurance is a concern to all of us as many providers will no longer write policies in our area. Indian Hills is fortunate, that at this point, our insurance policy will be renewed. The Board works closely with CAMCO to ensure we do all the wildfire prevention mitigation necessary to stay compliant. Each of us as homeowners who have woodburning stoves can do our part to store and cover firewood properly.

The NPOA Board election will also be happening this September. We are pleased that several condo owners are running to serve on the NPOA Board. NPOA has 45% condo owners in the community and we have been fortunate to have three seats filled this year with condo owners. Please read the qualifications of the candidates for this year's election and consider continuing to support candidates who own condos and understand our concerns and can represent them to the Board.

The NPOA Board continues to look at how best to use owner's funds to support the maintenance and enhancement of the Recreation Center, and the activities offered. We encourage you to stay involved to ensure the Board is on target with your needs. The Board lead for improvements commented that the amount spent on the renovations to the Adult Lounge is about 5% of the budget and not material. Some people do believe \$300k spent over two years is material and could have been used for example not to increase our dues. In 2023

homeowners visited the Recreation over 38,000 times, based on our dues in 2023 that represents each homeowner visit costing about \$58.

There continues to be a desire by some NPOA Board members to make improvements and offer services already provided in the Village. We hope that the Recreation Center complements and does not duplicate or compete with offerings in the Village.

With all the politics and conflicts around the world, we can feel stressed and anxious about the future. One of the best stressbusters is getting out in nature and being at Indian Hills and Northstar puts you right in the center of nature! Breathe it in and enjoy!



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When it comes to shot selection during match play in either sport, it's important to pay attention to the direction you want the ball to go depending on the situation.

It's all a game of time and space. When it comes to attacking, try to hit the ball down the line to cut down the amount of time that your opponent has to react to the shot.

Important things to look for when you think you have an attackable ball:

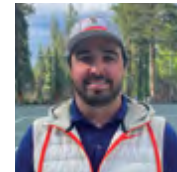
- Height of your point of contact: if the ball is struck between waist and shoulder height, your odds are better if you choose to be aggressive.
- Court positioning: if you are positioned inside the baseline at contact, you will automatically be taking time away from your opponent, forcing them to react more quickly to your shot.
- Movement pattern: if you are moving laterally four or more steps, your momentum makes it is more challenging to move forward into the shot. This will make it harder to put pace on the ball.

If you can check all three of these boxes for attacking, then you'll have the most favorable odds to get ahead of the point.

When in a defensive position, try to take the ball cross-court and put the ball a little higher in the air to give yourself ample time to recover. To help achieve this shot, remember the following:

- Make contact out in front of the body.
- Stay as balanced as possible.
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Green Waste Curbside Pickup Program For Single Family Use

Changes to the program beginning June 3, 2024:

1. Pine Needles - There will be no cap on the amount of pine needles each Single-Family property owner can leave curbside per pickup, so long as those needles are raked from a single parcel.

2. Down Woody Material - We will also transition to requiring 55-gallon trash bags be used for downed woody debris ONLY. This means that all tree limbs/ branches, pinecones, bark, and brush will need to be left curbside inside 55-gallon trash bags to be picked up.

Fire Prevention

NFD is now performing Focus Area Defensible Space Inspections. This year's

focus area includes Martis Landing and all side streets. NFD will go door to door inspecting each house to meet the 2024 Defensible Space Ordinance. If you have a preference as to when you want to have your property inspected, please book an appointment.

Fuels Management

The Fuels Management Department will be wrapping up 2023-2024 fuels reduction projects through June 30th. For the 2024-2025 season beginning July 1st, NFD plans to treat 220 high-priority acres with funding support from Measure U and recently awarded CAL FIRE and Tahoe Truckee Airport District grants. Go online and visit the Northstar Fire Department Fuels Management Hub to learn more.

New Online Format

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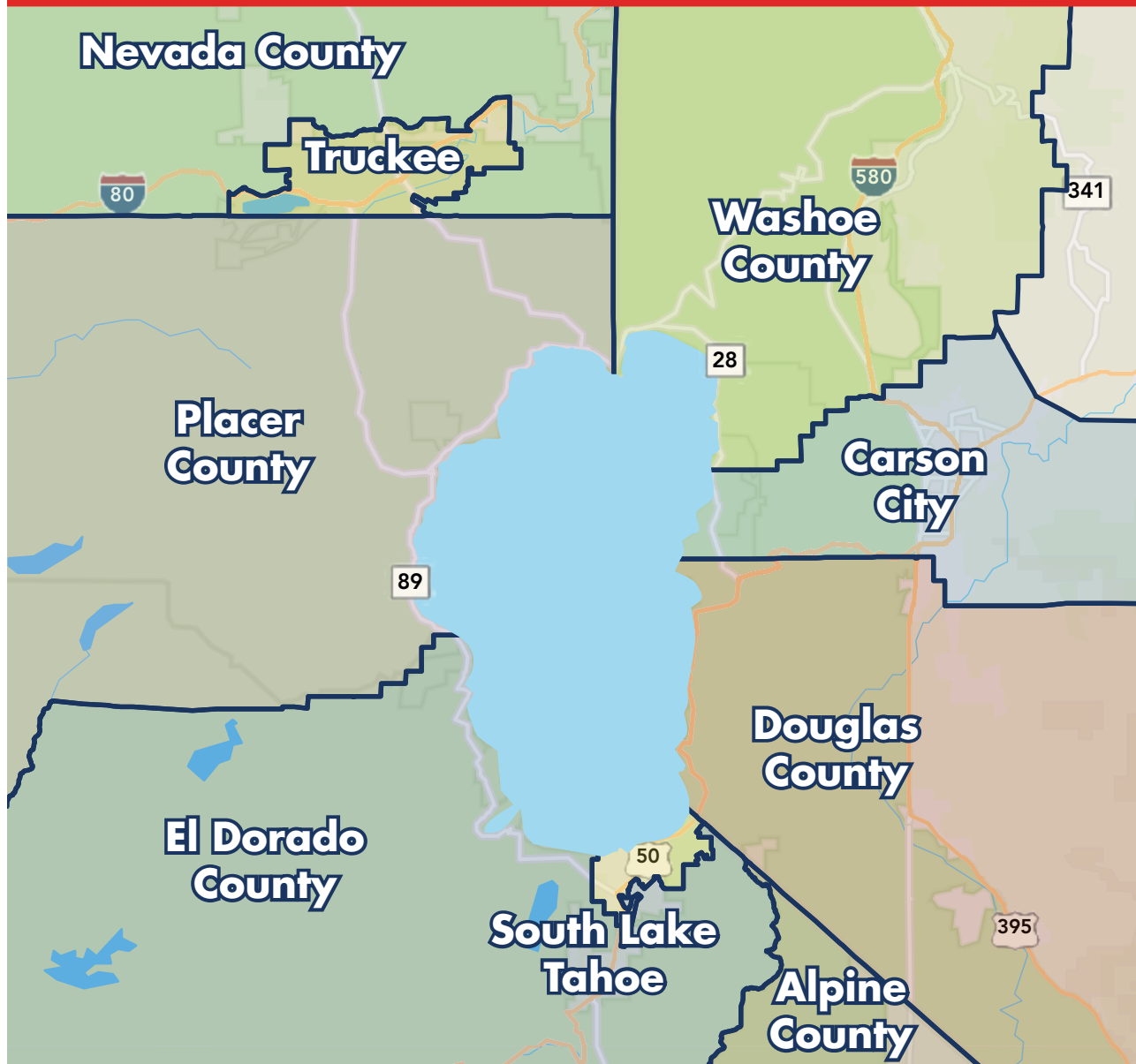
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Upcoming Road, Trail, and Wood Energy Facility Projects

Northstar Community Services District (District) staff are working diligently to deliver three community projects. Although funding to move forward is still being pursued for each of the projects, it is hoped that all three will commence this summer. Project summaries are as follows:

- Road rehabilitation: A project to repave Northstar Drive is expected to commence in July and last into November. Expect periodic lane closures throughout the duration of the project.
- Martis Valley Trail Segment 3F - This project entails extension of the Martis Valley Trail (paved Class 1 multi-purpose trail) from the Castle Peak Parking Area to the Northstar Village. This is a multi-year project, and work will commence as soon as adequate funding is secured. It is hoped that work will break ground this construction season.
- Wood Energy Facility - The proposed wood energy facility will utilize forest waste residuals from regional fuels management projects to generate renewable heat energy for pools and buildings within the Northstar Village. Work to install the

energy distribution piping for the project will commence this summer in coordination with the Northstar Drive paving project. The Wood Energy Facility project will carry over to 2025 for final completion, and heat delivery to connected entities is expected in Winter, 2025. Scan the QR code for detailed project information.



As always, the District will manage projects to minimize disruption as much as possible; however, inconveniences within the project areas will be unavoidable. We ask that you please be patient and take caution within construction cone zones to help make these projects a success. Please check the District’s website regularly for project updates during construction: www.northstarcsd.org.

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