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Fire Safety

According to Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, of the 9 Firesafe Chapters in Nevada Lake Tahoe Hidden Woods, Glenbrook, Chimney Rock and Cave Rock have projects completed or are currently underway. Average cost per home is about \$3,100 which includes heavy equipment for tree removal. Hand thinning estimates are closer to \$500 - \$1000 per home. In some cases, homeowners are expected to contribute up to 25% towards the cost of defensible space work. For more info: <http://www.nvfsc.org/index.html>

Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District (TDFPD) has crews available to conduct defensible space inspections. They also have the authority to issue hazard tree removal permits, circumnavigating TRPA procedures, however, permits are only good for one year. For more info: <http://www.tahoefire.com/> or call (775) 588-3591.

TDFPD has will be sponsoring "open burning" from May 6th through June 4th. For more info: <http://www.tahoefire.com/> or call (775) 588-3591.

TDFPD is also working with Heavenly Ski Corp. to provide a free pine needle drop-off. Pine needles will be recycled as compost or used for erosion control projects around the Basin. For more info: <http://www.tahoefire.com/> (775) 588-3591.

Living with Fire video and educational handout is being updated for 2006 for NV Wildland Fire Awareness Week (May 20th – 26th). New copies will be available this summer. For more info: http://www.nvfsc.org/html/awareness_week.html or call Ann Grant at skylandfsc@aol.com.

Several community-sponsored defensible space projects are being coordinated this summer through the Tahoe Basin Fire Safe Council: Roundhill, Skyland, Lake Village and Upper Kingsbury. For more info: <http://www.nvfsc.org/index.html> or call John Pickett at 775-220-7675.

USFS is conducting forest health and fuel reduction activities for Kingsbury neighborhoods this summer. Additionally, the USFS has information regarding their Urban Forestry Management Program with an online questionnaire. For more info: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lbmu/>

Water Quality & Erosion Control

NTCD provides "whole parcel conservation plans" FREE to homeowners. The sooner you install your BMPs the better we all will be. Overall costs of EIP project maintenance will be reduced, your home's value will increase and you will avoid unnecessary fines or rising material costs. Contact: 775-586-1610 or www.ntcd.org

Of the 6,000 residential parcels required to install BMPs in Nevada Lake Tahoe, only 1,300 have complied. NTCD has received a surge of calls for site evaluations and now has a wait list of 150. Call 775-586-1610 today to schedule your site evaluation or visit www.ntcd.org or www.trpa.org

NTCD sponsored a Water Quality Project Inventory which is on our website. This list provides the most current data regarding completed EIP project implementation for Nevada Lake Tahoe. For more info: <http://ntcd.org/documents/WQ%20Project%20Inventory%20Final%20Report%20v2.6.pdf>

May is National Wetlands Month. For more info: <http://ntcd.org/ntcdnews.htm>

Regional and Community Planning

Place-Based Planning Community Workshop **May** series schedules are found at: www.pathway2007.org. The next series of workshops are scheduled for **July**.

Keep updated on discussions regarding 'regional revenue' for development and maintenance of transit, EIP and pedestrian/bike systems. For more info: www.trpa.org

For information about plans to construct a bike trail around the Lake and how you can get involved contact: Brad Dorton at 775-588-2115 or brdukeskadi@hotmail.com.

May is National Bike Awareness Month. For more info: <http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bikemonth/>

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Visit the Partnership website: www.nevadatahoepartnership.org for up-to-date information about Nevada Lake Tahoe conservation issues. We encourage you to visit the website often for updates on local planning and resource conservation efforts.

The Partnership publishes a FREE E-Newsletter to help keep residents informed and educated as well as hosts local public forums and provides leadership development and technical training.

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