

January, 2011

Fellow Members of the Lake Tahoe Park Association:

This brings to an end my first year as President of the Board of Directors of your Association. The year 2010 was a productive year for the Association!! We are proud of what was accomplished. I will summarize that below.

The membership of the Board undertook some changes this past year. At our Annual Meeting you elected Doug Williams and Mike Dilg to replace Pete Hutchins and Beverly Hemphill, who retired from the Board. Pete had served on your Board for over 30 years, presiding over most of the dramatic changes that were made to the Park during that period. Beverly Hemphill served our Association as a volunteer before joining the Board and during her three terms on the Board she assumed responsibility for the appearance of the Park. Please extend thanks for jobs well done to Pete and Beverly when you see them around the Park next year.

At its September meeting the Board held its election of officers for the coming year. In addition to the undersigned, who was reelected President, Bob Thomas was elected Vice President, Margaret Pinter, Secretary; and Greg Gilbert, was reelected Treasurer.

Far and away, the most important accomplishment this year was closure of the 24 year project clean-up of contamination from the old Sunnyside Market Gas Station gas tanks. It had fallen upon the Association to manage the clean-up after the ownership of Sunnyside Market, at the time of the contamination, went bankrupt. This should free up some funds that had been dedicated to the clean-up and make them available for some of the capital projects we must address over the next couple of years. These will be discussed in more detail below.

During the past year we have continued to maintain the beach properties at a high level within our operations budget. As a result we decided there should be no assessment increases or special assessments for 2011. With good management, good luck and the funds mentioned above, we hope that this will continue to be the case for the next few years.

These are some of the accomplishments of your Association team achieved this year through the good work of Jim, Ben, Victor and the crew:

1. Replaced old worn out BBQs with new BBQs. We will continue to replace other old worn out BBQs when appropriate and within our budget allocations.
2. Maintenance on the North pier stairs has been completed making them safer and improved the mitigation of soil erosion to the lake.
3. Completed the second phase of our pathway improvement project.
4. Bulkhead repairs and new fencing has been completed by table 20.
5. Installed a new swim platform.
6. The improved volleyball court was installed improving safety for players.

7. New uniform signage has been installed along with a new sign for the front of the Park.
8. We are doing our part in helping late night picnickers and winter users of the Park by installing two strategically located “Bear Garbage Boxes”. Please use them when there is no staff in attendance.

Projects for the next year or two, depending upon the availability of funds:

1. Repair bulkheads in the vicinity of tables 4 and 9--this is part of ongoing bulkhead maintenance.
2. Replace 4 damaged BBQ's with new ones—this is also ongoing maintenance.
3. Complete pathway improvement project at north end by installation of decomposed granite on pathways and picnic areas—installation in the south part of the Park made a big difference for our handicapped and non-handicapped members alike.
4. Study installing a sprinkler system for Park – this will save water and employee time.
5. Study installation of two bocce ball courts between the volleyball and basketball court areas—this is pursuant to the request of a number of members.

Here is a short list of important dates and events for 2011:

March 31, 2011 last day for buoy applications to be accepted

May 1, 2011, Park opens for the season

May 27, 2011, buoy field opens

June 15, 2011, last day for receipt of annual assessment before keys are deactivated

July 2, 2011, Annual Membership Meeting at beach at 11:00 am

August 2, 2011, date first half season boats are to be removed from buoys

October 2, 2011, buoy field closes—all boats are to be off buoys

November 15, 2011, Park facilities close for season (or earlier, depending upon weather)

(For a full schedule of events for 2011, please see www.laketahoeassociation.com)

Thank you for your help and support during the past year and we look forward to serving you next season. If you need any assistance in making your Tahoe Park Beach experience even better, please feel free to contact me, any Board member or Jim Davisson, either in person at the Beach, or through our Web site. See you at the Annual Membership Meeting on July 2, 2011, if not sooner.

Sincerely,

Milt Hyams
President, Board of Directors
Lake Tahoe Park Association