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CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Last Tracks

Diamond Peak's signature event starts Feb. 4.

Enjoy wine tasting and appetizers at the end of the day at our mid-mountain Snowflake Lodge.

It's just \$29 which includes a lift ticket valid from 2 pm to 4 pm.

This event is every Saturday until April 14.



Full Moon Snowshoe on Feb. 10

Join us for a snowshoe up to Snowflake Lodge. There will be light fare available for those who would like to purchase dinner at the top. Meet at Diamond Peak's upper parking lot at 5 pm. Call (775) 832-1310 for more information.

Diamond Peak Jiblet on Feb. 11

The Diamond Peak Jiblet is a jam style format on special terrain park features in front of the base lodge deck. The entry fee is \$10 which goes towards a cash pot for the first place winner in each division. Registration starts at 9 am.

Local Lunch during the week

Ski or snowboard on your lunch break — It will make your work day go by much faster! Mon. to Fri.; 11 am to 1 pm (non-holiday) = Get a lift ticket and a \$10 food voucher for just \$20.

For more information:
www.diamondpeak.com
(775) 832-1177

Community Moonlight Snowshoe Hike to Snowflake Lodge

February 10; March 9 — **weather permitting**

55+ Snowshoe/Hikes & Lunch

Tuesdays, 1/17, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 **weather permitting**

Tiny Timber's Gym Time

Every Tuesday & Friday, 9:30 am — through May

S.T.E.P. Out and Digital Photo Club Field Trip

Carmel Gallery and Downtown Truckee's First Friday Event.

Friday, February 3 from 4 pm to 9 pm

Swim Lessons

Session V begins February 6

Session VI begins March 6

Camp Xtreme

February 21 to 24

Girls' Night In

February 3

Parents Night Out:

February 10; March 2

Micro Soccer with Mike Simon

March 26 to April 4



For more information:
www.inclinerecreation.com
775-832-1300

WASHOE COUNTY— SNOW PARKING ORDINANCE

Washoe County enforces its Snow Parking Ordinance (No. 70 425) which prohibits any parking within any designated snow area between November 1st and May 1st on a RED day.

A **RED DAY** is declared when there is a chance of snow in the forecast or if snow removal equipment may be operating.

A **GREEN DAY** is declared when there is no chance of snow in the forecast and snow removal equipment is not operating.

How do you know if it's a RED or GREEN day?
Call the 24-hour hotline at (775) 833-5555.

Questions? Please contact the Washoe County Roads Department at (775) 832-4125. Washoe County greatly appreciates your cooperation in helping keep roads safe and clear during the winter. — IVGID has included this information as a public service announcement. IVGID has no formal role in this activity.

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- ◆ Never use an open flame or electrical device to thaw frozen pipes. Call a licensed plumber.
- ◆ Inspect vacant dwellings regularly for proper furnace operation and to check the water pipes.
- ◆ Keep in mind heat tape products do not work during power outages. Look for the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) seal of approval on electrical products.
- ◆ Make sure outdoor pipes are buried below the frost line (36 inches). If they're not—you may want to consider having this work done by a qualified plumbing contractor in the summer.

**If you have any questions, please call
IVGID Public Works at (775) 832-1203.**



PW NEWS



IVGID's WATER, SEWER, TRASH and RECYCLING SERVICES

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How to Help Your Water System Weather the Winter...

When water freezes in a pipe, it expands and can exert pressure over 2,000 pounds per square inch. This pressure is enough to rupture almost any pipe filled with water, since there is no place for the ice to expand. When the pipe bursts, it can spill several hundred gallons of water per hour, and that equates to thousands of dollars of damage to your home. It's unfortunate, when you consider how easy it is to prevent a frozen water pipe.



Here are some helpful tips:

- ◆ Don't run the water in order to keep pipes from freezing. This is a costly waste of water that doesn't always work.
- ◆ It is recommended that all properties have a Customer Service Valve (CSV) that is easy to access. This is a separate valve, away from the meter. If you are leaving the property for a period of time, turn this customer service valve off to stop the water supply to the house. Drain the inside fixtures if possible. This can prevent flooding from heater failure or power failure. If the CSV is old and turns with difficulty, you may need to replace it; use a licensed plumber.
- ◆ Never turn the meter valve on or off; IVGID must do this. You will be fined for tampering with a meter or meter valve.
- ◆ Temporarily close foundation vents in winter and reopen in the summer. If the vents are not closeable – do not block them. Call a licensed contactor.
- ◆ Make sure your meter is marked with a blue metal stake. Call IVGID if the stake is missing, we will replace it (775-832-1203). It is a customer responsibility to make sure that the meter is accessible, this includes removing snow from the meter box.
- ◆ Don't turn off the heat when you are away. Set the thermostat to 55 degrees.
- ◆ Fill in holes and cracks near pipes. High winds can freeze a pipe even if the surrounding room temperature is warm.
- ◆ Insulate pipes that are exposed to the outdoors or that run in unheated crawlspaces, basements, attics, and walls. To insulate them, you can buy tubular, sleeve-type foam insulation that's slipped onto the pipe like a jacket.

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STASH YOUR TRASH!



Follow these simple guidelines:

- ⇒ Invest in a metal Bear Box or BearSaver Cart for your trash.
- ⇒ Secure food-based trash from wildlife at all times.
- ⇒ Place trash curbside after 5 am on day of service only.
- ⇒ Leaving town? Free drop-off is offered 7 days a week at the Incline Transfer Station, for 2 bags of trash and all recycling. 775-831-2971
- ⇒ Remove all food attractants including: freezers or trash storage in garages, bird feeders or feeding pets outdoors.

Emergency? Call 911

See a trash problem? IVGID Trash Hotline: 775-832-1221

Storage questions? IVGID Waste Not: 775-832-1284

Behavior questions? BEAR League: 530-525-PAWS

Bear causing property damage? NDOW: 775-688-BEAR



A Fed Bear is a Dead Bear

Director's Corner.....

In the month of February the annual Utility Rate Study will be presented to the Board of Trustees. The Utility Rate study is a 5-year look at the revenue needs to meet operating costs, replacing aging infrastructure, meeting new regulations and to maintain a proper reserve balance. Rates have been increasing in the 5% range for the last several years and future rate increases are planned. The major driver for these rate increases is the demand to replace aging infrastructure. We are in the middle of a \$5 million upgrade to the water disinfection plant to meet new Federal Standards. In the next 10 year window we will also need to be spending \$20 million to replace 6 more miles of the effluent export pipeline on State Route 28. In the coming year we expect to hold our operating costs flat, but this Capital need will continue to push rates higher. Please check www.IVGID.org for Board meetings in February to learn more, or to submit comments to the Board expressing your concerns.

- Joe Pomroy, Director of Public Works