

## Pollution Prevention Starts with You! Use IVGID and Waste Management's Hazardous Waste Collection Services

Last month, the influent being processed at IVGID's waste water treatment plant went from a normal brown color to stark white, over the course of a single afternoon. Operators on duty reacted quickly to the situation. They determined someone had dumped approximately 20 gallons of white paint down a toilet or sink. Luckily, analysis showed that the paint was latex (water based), so the operators were not forced to shut down the treatment plant. If this had been an oil based paint dumped into the system, it would have created a much worse situation; destroying the delicate balance of microbes used in the sewage treatment process; and possibly causing extensive system damage. In another instance which occurred in January, someone dumped paint into a storm drain in town, causing the storm drain to plug. Washoe County work crews will have to spend a significant amount of time clearing this blockage, created by improper dumping. Thankfully, this particular storm drain does not lead directly to a stream, or the paint could have ended up in Lake Tahoe.

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**One quart of motor oil can  
pollute 250,000 gallons of water.  
One gallon of gasoline can  
pollute 750,000 gallons of water.**

**Need more information on the proper disposal  
of materials? Call Waste Not at 775-832-1284!**

**Hungry for daily news about IVGID,  
upcoming District events, tips on recycling?  
Make sure you visit the new, daily online news  
site – [www.laketahoereview.com](http://www.laketahoereview.com)**

**Regional TV and E-waste Recycling Drive  
diverts 13 tractor trailer loads from the landfill!**  
Waste Not collected 72 televisions, totaling 3,300 pounds in our first-ever TV recycling drive last month. At Reno's one day event, volunteers collected 500,000 pounds from more than 2,000 people. Organizers had to close the gates due to the tremendous turnout; reluctantly turning away an estimated 1,500 other people seeking to recycle their used electronics. Organizers are planning another drive in March, to serve those turned away.

### **Director's Corner**

As I write this, the Senate is considering passing a \$800 billion stimulus package that includes a significant amount of monies for water and wastewater construction. IVGID has positioned itself by submitting projects to the State of Nevada that are ready to go (shovel ready) to construction should funding become available. We are prepared to accelerate replacement of watermains, pumping stations, and treatment equipment to improve our utility systems while also creating needed construction jobs for the region which has been very hard hit by the slump in the housing market. We would hope to get very favorable lending rates on this funding that would reduce our long term costs for replacing infrastructure and assist in keeping stable utility rates. IVGID is still receiving federal assistance from the Army Corps for the construction of the \$20 million effluent export project. Look for further announcements about projects by NDOT and IVGID on SR 28 this summer.

*-Joe Pomroy, Director of Public Works*

### **Participate in IVGID – Here's how to contact the 2009 BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

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# OTHER NEWS



## CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Continued from front... Unauthorized dumping is illegal and improper disposal of chemicals is hazardous to public health and our ecosystem.

There is a free and easy way to properly dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW). Incline Village General Improvement District's Waste Not Program operates a free, community HHW materials collection service, which is open every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, from 3 to 5 pm at the Public Works office at 1220 Sweetwater Road.

Items such as: oil and water based paints, solvents, cleaners, gasoline, kerosene, pesticides, and other chemicals are accepted, free of charge, every week, from District residents.

'Universal Waste' is also accepted including: used batteries, fluorescent light bulbs/tubes, computers, monitors, phones and other personal electronics (sorry, no TVs right now, but stay tuned for updates). Electronics should be kept out of the landfill because they have the potential to contaminate groundwater supplies, from the release of heavy metals when broken apart.

Materials collected from the community are then processed through a certified HHW materials handler. HHW disposal is not cheap, costing the District approximately \$35,000 annually. However, the service provides priceless value in watershed, community and ecosystem protection. Some collected items, such as latex paint and electronics, can be recycled. Non-recyclable items are incinerated in a specially permitted facility.

If you need a drop-off and cannot make the times listed above, simply call Waste Not at 775-832-1284 to set up an appointment. Valid proof of residency (IVGID Recreation Card or Nevada Driver License) is required. There is a 50 pound / 5 gallon limit per drop-off, and we cannot accept items generated by local businesses. We can provide free referral to local businesses on disposal options and services.

Used motor oil and antifreeze are collected at Waste Management's Incline Transfer Station, for free, 7 days a week. They also accept car batteries, household batteries, 'corkscrew' style fluorescent bulbs, home appliances and scrap metal for recycling. Some items have a small fee for disposal. Please call 775-832-2971 for more information on these services. Tires are not recycled at the Incline Transfer Station, however most tire retailers have recycling services available.

If you have any questions regarding the proper disposal of materials, please call Waste Not at 775-832-1284. It is up to all of us to take care of the Lake, and proper disposal of toxic materials is a simple way to do that.

### Diamond Peak events:

**Diamond Peak's signature Last Tracks event starts on February 7<sup>th</sup>!**



Take the last chairlift up to our mid-mountain Snowflake Lodge and enjoy wine tasting and appetizers before skiing or boarding down a freshly groomed run. Last Tracks events are every Saturday from February 7- April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets cost \$32 for each event or you can buy a Last Tracks season pass for only \$200. Please call Diamond Peak Guest Services at 775-832-1253 to make reservations.

### Check out Diamond Peak's event calendar:

#### March:

- 1: Snowbomb Sick & Twisted Slopestyle
- 7: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Vertical Challenge
- 7,14,21,28: Last Tracks
- 15: Village Ski Loft Demo Day
- 17: Community Appreciation Day
- 28: Uphill Downhill Race
- 29: 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dummy Downhill

#### April:

- 5: Snowbomb Littlest Air Competition
- 4, 11: Last Tracks
- 11: Passholder Appreciation Day, Community Appreciation Day
- 12: Scheduled closing day (weather permitting)

**Take your lunch break at Diamond Peak** and get some skiing in! \$20 gets you a lift ticket valid from 11 am – 1 pm, Monday – Friday (non-holiday) and a \$10 food voucher. Ski or snowboard on your lunch break then pick up lunch. It'll make your work day go by much faster! Call 775-832-1177 for more information!

**A resident all-day lift ticket costs \$39** at Diamond Peak. Show your recreation card to any ticket window to get this special rate!

**For further information check us out online:**

[www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)