

Co-Existing With Wildlife

With winter approaching, there have been increased reports of human-animal incidents in the Incline Village and Crystal Bay community. These events vary from bears causing property damage while gaining access to food sources inside garages to companion animal predation.



One of the unique qualities of life in the Tahoe Basin is the prevalence of small and large wildlife such as: bear, mountain lion, coyote, fox, raccoon, squirrels, deer, beaver, bobcat, reptiles and birds. Living and vacationing here comes with unique responsibilities for



successfully co-existing with wildlife. The abundance of food, water and shelter offered by 'urban landscapes' - coupled with unsecured garbage or compost bins, birdseed, fruit trees and unattended domestic animals can lead to conflicts.

Most wild animals are wary of humans and will avoid people when ever possible. Aggressive behavior towards people and property is unusual, and is most often a result of habituation due to feeding by humans.

Taking the following steps can help prevent bears, coyotes, raccoons or other wildlife from being attracted to your home and prevent conflicts:

- ▶ Never feed or attempt to 'tame' a wild animal.
- ▶ Secure all garbage in wild-life resistant containers.
- ▶ Invest in a metal bear box or BearSaver trash cart. This summer there have been more than 25 garage doors damaged by bears seeking food sources such as: food in the freezer, pet food or trash.
- ▶ Place garbage curbside on day of service only, after 5 am.
- ▶ Do not store any human or pet food in the garage.
- ▶ Do not feed pets or leave pet food outside.
- ▶ If you insist on having a birdfeeder– place it away from the house, hang it up high. Keep all birdseed off the ground to reduce animal attraction.
- ▶ Clean barbeques after use.
- ▶ Remove outside water sources.

Director's Corner

The IVGID Public Works Department has kicked off a project to provide better disinfection of your drinking water and to meet a new EPA rule that goes into effect in 2013. IVGID currently meets all drinking water regulatory standards. IVGID is planning to replace the existing ozone treatment equipment installed 15 years ago with new ozone equipment and also plans to install an additional disinfection process to further inactivate disease-causing microorganisms. Preliminary project planning has indicated that ultra-violet light is an excellent disinfectant system against organisms such as *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* and would work well at our water treatment plant. The great clarity of Lake Tahoe water transmits the ultra-violet light very well, to effectively inactivate micro-organisms. Another great thing about UV is that it does not add anything to the water compared to other traditional disinfection processes that are chemical based. This project will enhance the safety of your drinking water and you should not even notice a change in the taste of the water. It will take several years to complete the project to proceed through design, permitting and construction.

- Joe Pomroy, Director of Public Works

- ▶ Clear away the shrubs next to buildings to reduce hiding places for animals.
- ▶ Close off all under the house deck and crawl spaces to prevent animals from living under the building. Bears have been known to sleep under buildings. Coyotes can be aggressive to protect their den site.
- ▶ If you see a bear or coyote at your house, make loud noises with pots, pans or an airhorn. Haze the coyote or bear with a water hose.
- ▶ Walk dogs on leash especially during mating and birthing seasons (December to May).
- ▶ Keep cats indoors.
- ▶ Pick up small children and dogs if a coyote is near.
- ▶ If approached by a coyote or bear– be BIG and LOUD! If the animal does not retreat– stand tall to look larger, throw rocks (aim to hit but not injure), back up slowly, but with any predator– DO NOT RUN!
- ▶ Capture and relocation of animals is usually unsuccessful and the animal is eventually euthanized.

For more information:

Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW):

775-588-BEAR / www.ndow.org

BEAR League: 530-525-PAWS / www.savebears.org

Project Coyote: 415-945-3232 / www.projectcoyote.org



*Note: Community trash routes will be serviced on all holidays.
The Incline transfer station and office will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.*



OTHER NEWS



CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Opening Day is on December 10th!

Buy your Diamond Peak Season Pass Now
INCLINE VILLAGE / CRYSTAL BAY RESIDENT RATES

FULL PASS	Regular Price
Adult (18-59)	\$461
College (with ID)	\$212
Youth (15-17)	\$191
Child (7-14)	\$159
Senior (60-69)	\$191
70+	\$53
6 & under / 80	Free



*Prices subject to change without notice

Added Value for Season Pass holders

Besides the convenience, un-crowded slopes and incredible lake views that the mountain has to offer, season pass holders get a free BBQ lunch on opening and closing days. This year, we will offer lift early ups on select powder days and scheduled once a month lift early ups. Also new this year, we want you to use your Diamond Peak season pass at third party vendors and get year-round discounts. Participating vendors are: Crosby's, Aloha Skin Spa, Yoshimi Sushi, Wild Island, Village Ski Loft and Austin's.

Passholder Appreciation Days are set for Opening and Closing Days of the season. We would like to show you our appreciation by giving you free BBQ lunch on those days. Check in at our table in the Base Lodge between 11:30am and 1pm for your free coupon.

Community Appreciation Days are also scheduled for December 10, January 20, March 17 and April 10. We invite anyone who lives within a 50 mile radius of Diamond Peak to purchase \$25 all day lift tickets on Community Appreciation Day. For more information please, call (775) 832-1177.

New Holiday Pass \$249—Can you only make it to Diamond Peak during the holidays? The Diamond Peak Holiday Pass is only good during our blackout periods Dec. 19, 2009-Jan. 3, 2010, Jan 16-18, and Feb. 13-21, 2010. Enjoy direct access to the lifts with the new Holiday Pass.

Fireside Room—This 300 square foot space is perfect for small groups, kids birthday parties, and more. Catering is available through Diamond Peak. Contact the Sales Department at (775) 832-1132 for rental information.

To purchase your season pass: Buy online at www.diamondpeak.com or download the forms and mail or fax them—Mail to: Diamond Peak, 1210 Ski Way Incline Village, NV 89451 / Fax to: (775) 832-1281, or visit us in person at the Diamond Peak Administration Building—Mon. to Fri. 9 am to 4 pm. For more information, please call (775) 832-1177 or go to www.diamondpeak.com.

Free Holiday Tree Recycling will be offered Dec. 24– Feb. 4. Drop-off trees (with ALL decorations removed) at Preston Field. IVGID Waste Not is now accepting non-working holiday lights for recycling at the Public Works facility. Questions: 775-832-1284.



TIME TO WINTERIZE! AVOID FROZEN PIPES!

- * Make sure water meter boxes are accessible.
- * Verify metal meter stakes are installed at the water meter to ensure quick emergency location.
- * Detach hoses and sprinklers from hose bibs.
- * Shut off and drain irrigation systems.
- * Remove backflow devices on irrigation systems and store inside to prevent damage.
- * If your water is on, set thermostat to a minimum of 55 degrees.
- * When leaving town, shut off water at customer shut-off valve unless you have hydronic heat or other unusual conditions. Consult a plumber if you have questions.
- * Close vents and other openings that allow cold air to reach plumbing under the house.
- * Keep local fire hydrants accessible.
- * Post written directions for water shutoff in home for visitors, renters, and emergency situations.
- * Post emergency contact information for property management or homeowner association contacts.

Tahoe-Incline Rotary Club's Annual

Christmas Tree Sale



Tahoe-Incline Rotary Club will once again be selling Christmas Trees at the Raley's Shopping Center Parking lot. All the proceeds will benefit local charities. This is a great chance to give back to the community during the holiday season and receive a nice tree in the process.

This year we have Grand Firs, Silver Tip, and Noble Fir trees, wreaths and christmas tree stands.

Open through December 24

100% of proceeds will go to benefit local charities.

IVGID has included this notice (above) as a public service announcement but has no formal role in the event.