

ROUND HILL GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
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Summer is here, and for many people, that signals an opportunity to be on the road and away from home for extended periods of time. Remember to let the Newspaper deliverer know if you will be away from home as a pile of newspapers in your driveway is a signal that you are not at home.

Be conscious of the fact that your neighbor might be out of town when leaving items on their doorstep.

The Lake Tahoe Basin is especially vulnerable to Aquatic Invasive Species. In 2007, Asian Clam beds were found throughout the south end of Lake Tahoe. An **EVEN BIGGER THREAT** than the Asian Clam is the possible introduction of Quagga/Zebra Mussels to Lake Tahoe, which can have serious impacts on native wildlife, fisheries and ecosystems.

How do they "Ride" here? The mussels are transported on infested recreational boats and commercial boats. The mollusks are not visible to the human eye in the larvae state – so a boat showing no signs of infestation can harbor or transport the larvae in the bait wells, bilge tanks, ballast bladders, or on parts of the boat trailer.

How can we stop the spread? Do not launch any boat in Lake Tahoe or the surrounding Sierras that is wet or has been in any suspected or known area of mollusk infestation. Boaters are asked to be prepared for and cooperate with watercraft inspections at launch facilities.

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Code 79.3.A. The transport or introduction of aquatic invasive species into the Lake Tahoe Region is prohibited. Further, it is prohibited to launch any watercraft into the waters of the Lake Tahoe Region, including Fallen Leaf and Cascade lakes, that are contaminated with aquatic invasive species.

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Code 79.3.B. Watercraft inspections: All watercraft are subject to an inspection prior to launching into the waters of the Lake Tahoe Region when requested by an inspector. Inspections are conducted by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency or its designee.

For more information, check out our website at www.rhgid.org.

Last year, the District entered into a contract with Evergreen Energy Solutions to install energy saving devices at our facilities. The savings associated with the new devices were estimated to pay for the cost of the project in approximately 5 years. Based on the numbers generated after just six months, our savings to date are expected to give us a project pay back period of only 2.2 years.