

# DOLLAR POINT ASSOCIATION

## SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

By John Casaudoumecq

As I write, it is early May, the lower tennis courts are open, and it is snowing. Soon enough, summer weather will be with us. Cailin and Jacob are working hard to prepare for the season and, beyond their regular duties, are working on parking lot paving projects, tree and stump removal, tennis court fence repairs, and on.

In the summer of 2019, we engaged with a local engineering and architecture firm to navigate the planning and approval process across multiple government agencies to improve parking, beach access, and kayak/paddle board storage. Many things in and out of our control slowed the process, but over the late Fall/early Winter, we settled on a set of objectives and received preliminary drawings and an estimate for the next phase of work.

To date, we have spent roughly \$13,000. We would be limited to 9-10 additional parking spaces, add an ADA-compliant vehicle to give those who cannot navigate the path to the beach, beach access, and upgrade and expand rack storage for the kayaks and paddle boards, freeing up a small amount of beach at the east end. Unfortunately, to make some of these changes, we must install two EV charging stations (only feasible with an electric upgrade at the beach), add an ADA-compliant bathroom fully screened from views from the water, and, likely, screen the width of the area between the kayak/paddle board storage and the water.

Preliminary estimates are \$500,000-\$1,000,000. A more straightforward and less expensive solution may be one or two ADA-accessible golf carts to accommodate those who have difficulty getting to and from the beach.

Also, over the last decades, different groups of members have approached the Board regarding the Dollar Point Wall and Entrance. Most recently, former Board member Pamela Galy worked with engineers and designers, resulting in a survey and drawings. But unfortunately, we are on hold, not knowing what the State, County, and TCPUD will need to do for the development across the street, which may impact the Dollar Drive entrance.

Next, we plan to survey the membership to guide our work to improve the Beach and Entrance. We want to make sure we are on the right track. Please make sure the office has your current e-mail address.

Thank you.



# BEACH & PIER REPORT

By Roger Quinlan

As you've read in the President's message, the bigger project to make the beach and pier more accessible turned out to cost way more than we can spend. So, we're working on a revised project, that will still need TRPA approval, but is more manageable in size. The revised scope:

1. Move the board storage behind where the BBQ is today and change it to vertical storage to increase capacity to around 300.
2. Remove the charcoal BBQ as TRPA would like. Given that charcoal is likely not allowed in the summer, we thought this wise.
3. Improve the drainage at the base of the hill by the pier as TRPA would like.
4. Add more picnic tables with umbrellas
5. Add a bottle fill station to the bathroom building

I had a chance to observe the lottery on March 13th and commend Cailin and Jacob for the job they did with the buoy lottery and the board/kayak lottery. We are also still exploring ideas to expand the buoy field as there is still more demand for buoy space than we have capacity. It is a longer-term project.

We're working on a date for a drop-in session so members can share their ideas with Board members. Keep an eye out for that date.



# Firewise Committee

by Nate Walker

Thanks to member participation in 2022 we are now recertified for Firewise through December 2023. The latest Firewise certificate is posted on the website. A great job this year by all who participated! The 2022/2023 winter in Tahoe was wild, windy, and snowy. Hopefully, you had a chance to enjoy the best of winter in Tahoe. With spring upon us and snow melting fast the pine cones, needles, and downed branches are plentiful throughout Dollar Point. Expect all the snowmelt and water to generate aggressive grass and brush growth this summer. Yup, that translates to high fire danger this season. Are you thinking about what you can do to be wildfire safe? Creation and maintenance of defensible space around your home must be a top priority. Dumpster days will be held Friday, May 26, and Monday, May 29 to collect green yard waste. Watch the DPA email newsletters for details. Mark your calendars and use this opportunity to remove potential fire fuel from our neighborhood. If you are completing defensible space projects via a contractor or personal projects, be sure to report the hours and expenses via the button on the DPA Fire Awareness page. The reporting helps us recertify with Firewise USA in the fall. If you are looking for tips on wildfire preparations and defensible space, check out the resources on the DPA Fire Awareness page. Coming soon, info on defensible space survey of member lots during 2023. Stay tuned!

## SUMMER EVENTS

This summer we will be adding more events at the pool! Friday Fundays will be returning. Rennie will be hosting kid's craft time every Saturday. We will have a movie night, every other week, beginning June 10th at the pool. You can find more information about these events on the website's calendar or by stopping by the office.



### IMPORTANT DATES



May 26 - Dumpster Day

May 29 - Dumpster Day

June 17 - Food Truck Frenzy

July 4 - Pool Party

July 29 - Annual Meeting & Dinner

August 12 - Burgers & Brew





# ASSOCIATION MANAGER'S REPORT



By Cailin Jope



Jacob and I are looking forward to serving you this season. Our goal is that you and your family members will have a pleasurable time at the Dollar Point facilities. The following message will give you the information you need for enjoying the venues:

## **Access**

To enter a facility, at least one person in your group must have a valid white photo ID card. Members and family members described in the rules and listed by the member on the family listing may obtain an id card. If you appear without your issued card, entry will not be permitted. Not every family member needs a photo ID because one family member may bring other family members or house guests in. We encourage family members who use the facilities the most to have a photo ID. Passes from previous years are still active.

## **Pool Opening**

We are anticipating a pool opening on May 22nd. To make a lap swim reservation, please log onto our website and fill out the swim reservation form under the Pool tab. There is a link on the page as well explaining the rules of our reservation system.

## **Beach Opening**

Paddleboards and Kayaks with rack rights stickers will be allowed to use the racks on the beach on May 1st. Stickers are to be picked up at the office. The first day of the buoy service is May 8th.

## **Tennis Courts**

Currently, the lower tennis courts are open and ready to use with the blue/grey access card. We are expecting the upper tennis and pickleball courts to open soon. For reservations, log onto the Dollar Point website, and under the 'Tennis' tab will be an option to reserve a tennis court.

# REMEMBERING MEMBERS

## VINCENT SARUBBI

Dollar Point lost a familiar figure in 2023. Locally known as the “Mayor of Dollar Point”, Vince Sarubbi passed away in January at 97 years old. You would likely see Vince waving to you from his driveway or from his deck as you passed by. If you stopped in to see him, he always had a story to tell you. Vince knew everybody and talked to everyone. As one of the louder voices within the Dollar Point Association, Vince spent the last 50 years ensuring Dollar Point continued to maintain its status as a highly desirable place to live. Vince is survived by his son Vince II, his daughter Stacie, and Stacie’s two children Taylor and Andrew.



## LUD SPOLYAR

Ludwig John Spolyar, of Tahoe City, CA and Minneapolis, MN, passed away on his 92nd birthday, February 5, 2023 surrounded by his children. Lud will be remembered for his deep and lifelong friendships, irrepressible cheerfulness, humor, sense of fun, appetite for newspapers and magazines, social savvy, and ever-present desire to be of service



to others and his community. Lud enjoyed swimming daily, effectively becoming the Mayor of the Dollar Point pool. As his dementia increased, he returned to Minnesota at the insistence of his children, but never stopped thinking about returning to California. Lud is preceded in death by his parents, wife Kirsten, siblings Helen Mae Tidwell, Darwin Spolyar, Pauline Polen. Lud is survived by his children, Elizabeth (Steve East), Charles (Cindy), and John (Marcy), and 6 Grandchildren: Kirsten, McCullough, Christopher, Aj, Owen and Leona