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Hello,

Please bear with me as we grumble once again about the tent out the back of The Lodge Restaurant. Unfortunately the tent has again been erected and its neighbors will have to endure ruined (or totally avoided) weekends in their Tahoe Donner homes. Here's the first example this year as to how much of a polluting and unacceptable problem it is.

On Saturday, 18th May, I drove into the parking lot of the Golf Condos around 9 pm while listening to music on the radio. I knew the song being played – think it was Elton John. I slowly drove into the parking spot and parked, and noticed that the beat from the track being played had a weird “out of time” beat. Maybe it had crossed with another radio station? Nope! In a nutshell, I had the car running, all windows and doors closed, the heater running/blowing and the radio playing, yet I could hear the beat from the music being played in the tent. Please think about this as if you were driving into your own driveway. I should also note, we had snow all around at that time which would have buffered the noise somewhat! Once I opened the car door, I realized where the weird “out of time beat” was coming from. The darned tent. The tent crowd were also very rowdy and loud (shouting/yelling out the words to the song) and, to be honest, the word “drunkards” came to my mind. Seemed like a young crowd who were having a “very good” time. The noise was so loud that I continued to hear it indoor with all (double glazed) windows and doors closed and with the TV on.

After about half an hour (and just in case it was only extra loud for a couple of obnoxious songs), I thought that it just wasn't “fair” that they can disrupt our usual, lovely quiet evenings which the other 6,570 other Tahoe Donner owners get to enjoy. So I thought “what the hell,” I'll call the Covenants Complaint Phone Line (as it has been mentioned by the Lodge Management they haven't received many/any official complaint. I don't know where the lady lives but, when I said the complaint was about “Tahoe Donner, The Lodge Restaurant and the tent out back” sit seemed she had never heard of the Lodge and asked for the address (which I didn't have to hand and don't know, so gave a rough guess of its number on Northwoods!) She didn't seem to know much, if anything, about Tahoe Donner. I think I actually asked her if she did. I also think I had to explain that The Lodge is the main restaurant in Tahoe Donner and they have a tent out the back erected for the whole summer, etc, etc. I don't know how long we were on the phone but it felt like around 20 minutes, with me trying to explain about “Northwoods Blvd being the main road in Tahoe Donner,” about the Lodge and the tent. It was a bit frustrating. She said that, as it's nearly 10pm (and I had assured her that they turn the music off at 10 pm sharp – as we always look forward to that time) that there wasn't any point in calling “them” out and I agreed. I have no idea who “them” is and aren't sure that my call was logged. She did ask for my name so hopefully it was, so that a complaint is “officially” logged.

On the bright side, due to the Lodge being closed due to the water leak/mold, we haven't experienced any tent events while visiting, except for tonight – Friday June 15. This afternoon, we heard the couple get married (I presume) the cheering followed by some very loud music for a couple of tracks. Then it quietened down for the meal I presume. I was

walking to my car to pop out and the noise from the crowd and the music was pretty loud so I walked over towards the tent to take a peak. There were two of the servers/workers (a man and a woman) smoking at the side of the Lodge (close to the garbage area). I was going to take a picture of them, but realized I'd left my phone in our condo! They saw me looking over that way and quickly scurried back to the event. To be fair, I don't know if they were smoking or vaping but I saw "smoke" of some sort come from around their hands. I retrieved my phone and walked over again, as the music and crowd continued to be loud. As far as I understand, Management agreed that the side of the tent that faces the golf condos will always be closed when an event is going on. I believe they bought the new tent with the clear sides for this. Nope – it was wide open with the clear "sides" all pulled back to the poles. Please ensure/demand that whoever is in charge of any event knows what is required and expected of them. The firepits were lit but I didn't go over to check they had the screens over them – the flames were pretty high though.

I think back to how it was a couple of weeks ago. We were here on another Saturday night (luckily when the Lodge was closed due to the leak/mold, and the tent had been taken down). I walked out onto our deck and smiled at hearing the noises of our natural surroundings. We could hear the frogs on the golf course croaking away, and a slight rustle of the trees, amongst the rest of the relaxing night noises. It was quite magical and I smiled! It also came to mind of how invasive the tent really is. It just doesn't seem fair that the Lodge's neighbors have to endure this all Spring/Summer/Fall. Think about that, please, and if it was your neighbor.

Thank you for reading this.

Best,
