



**Town of Mammoth Lakes**

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## Town News

### Memorial Weekend Edition

## News from the Town Manager

### Town Council Meeting– June 1

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. with a Study Session in the Minaret Village Mall. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting. Some of the agenda items include:

**5:00 p.m.**

- Study Session: Workshop with Deb Pierrel and Joyce Turner regarding the Fiscal Year 2012/13 budget process.

**6:00 p.m.**

- Council Presentation: Twenty-five year service award to Public Works Maintenance Superintendent Dave Beck.
- Public Presentation: Presentation from the National Park Service regarding the Devil's Postpile Centennial Celebration.
- Public Hearing: Zone Code Amendment (ZCA) 11-001 for the Sign Code Update. The Sign Code Update is a comprehensive update of Chapter 17.40 (Signs) of the Municipal Code. The Sign Code Update would generally provide more flexibility in the type, number, size, and design of signs than in the current sign regulations. Certain internally illuminated signs would be allowed, such as halo lit signs, signs with neon details, and electronic message signs, subject to limitations.
- Policy Matters: 1) 2011 Spring Measure R Funding Awards. 2) TOT Compliance and Enforcement – Ordinance Changes and Recommendations on Program Implementation. 3) Continuation of Budget presentation and deliberation for fiscal year 2011-12, including presentation of information on the Development Impact Fee (DIF) funds, Measure R and Measure U; and continuation of deliberation on balancing options for the General Fund.
- Consent Agenda: 1) The minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2011. 2) Award of contract for construction of the 2011 Mammoth Creek Park Playground Project to Playscapes Construction, Inc.

### Town of Mammoth Lakes Dog License/Vaccination Clinic – June 18

It's time to renew Town of Mammoth Lakes dog license. Join us for our annual license sale/vaccination clinic in the Police Department parking lot on Saturday, June 18, 2011 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. If your dog does not need a rabies vaccination update, you can just purchase a license for \$13 if your animal is spayed/neutered or \$30 if it is not. You don't need to bring your pet to the clinic unless it needs a

vaccination update. Dr. Gaylon TeSlaa and the staff of Alpen Veterinary clinic will be on hand with low cost vaccinations for both dogs and cats.

Please bring proof of spay/neuter if applicable, and proof of a current rabies vaccination if your dog is not due this year. If you are paying by check, and will be purchasing a license and vaccinations, remember that you will be paying two separate bills. For everyone's safety, please have your dog on a leash and your cat in a carrier. If your animal doesn't do well with others, please leave it in your car until you complete your paperwork, and the vet will come to your vehicle to administer the shots.

By law in California, all dogs over the age of 4 months must have a license and be vaccinated against rabies. Mammoth Lakes does not require a license for cats. If you don't live in Mammoth, but can't make any of the Mono County clinics, you are welcome to bring your animals for vaccinations. We won't, however, be able to sell you a Mono County dog license.

You may now purchase 2011-12 TOML dog licenses at the MLPD front counter, Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please bring proof of spay/neuter and current vaccination, or we cannot sell you a tag. For further information contact Sergeant Karen Smart at (760) 934-2011, ext 82, or [ksmart@mammothlakespd.org](mailto:ksmart@mammothlakespd.org)

### **Projected Average Resort Occupancy**

Memorial Day Weekend: Friday, May 27 - Sunday, May 29 = 53%  
Monday, May 30 - Thursday, June 2 = 18%

### **Calls for Service/Officer Observations**

110, including 7 business/building checks

### **Crime/Incident Reports**

27 reports, including 7 arrests

### **Traffic Stops/Citations/Traffic Collisions**

23 stops; 3 citations; 0 parking citations; 0 skate park citations; 1 collision

### **Animal Control Incidents**

2 incidents; 0 reports

### **Wildlife Calls/Reports**

3 calls; 0 reports

### **Twitter**

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## Community Development

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### **Planning Commission Recommends Neighborhood District Planning**

On May 25, 2011, the Planning Commission recommended (by a vote of 3-0) the draft "South Districts Neighborhood District Planning Study" and "Anticipating Mammoth's Future: Town of Mammoth Lakes Neighborhood District Plans Concepts and Studies" for Town Council acceptance. These items are scheduled for Town Council consideration on June 15, 2011.

The Planning Commission also acted on the following items:

- Approved UPA 10-005, New Search and Rescue Facility.
- Zoning Code Update – Residential Zoning Districts.
- Zoning Code Update - Standards for Specific Uses.

### **Sign Code Update**

Town Council will hold a public hearing on the Sign Code chapter of the Zoning Code Update on June 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in Suite Z. View the Town website for more information <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=387>. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Associate Planner Jen Daugherty at (760) 934-8989 Extension 260.

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## Community News

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### **Help Clean-Up Our Town on June 11**

Take pride in your neighborhood and volunteer to help clean up our Town on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Starting at 8:00 a.m., grab a bag and start cleaning up your street, neighborhood or town. At 12:00 p.m., please join us for a complimentary community picnic at Mammoth Creek Park beginning at 12:00 p.m. This annual event is sponsored by the Town of Mammoth Lakes and its many community partners.

Complimentary orange trash bags are available for the collection of trash - not household waste or pine cones/needles - (maximum 5 at one-time) from the following locations: Stellar Brew & Natural Deli, Looney Bean, Old NY Deli & Bagel, Mammoth Business Essentials, RE/MAX of Mammoth, Snowcreek Athletic Club, Town Offices, the Mammoth Lakes California Welcome Center, Mammoth Lakes Tourism Office, and the Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station located at 59 Commerce Drive.

From Monday, June 13 through Wednesday, June 15, 2011 Mammoth Disposal will be picking up Town supplied orange trash bags free of charge for private property owners. Orange bags need to be available for collection no later than Sunday evening, June 12, 2011.

There will be no collection of loose or bulky items, paint, or oil (refrigerators, appliances, mattresses etc.) from private properties on Saturday, June 11, 2011. The Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station will receive these items free of charge only on June 11, 2011 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The Town, Inyo National Forest and Mammoth Lakes Fire Department encourage the recycling of materials, including pine needles, pine cones and tree limbs less than 12" in diameter. Residents are able to bring these materials to the Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station free of charge on Saturday, June 11 for chipping between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Neighborhood volunteers are needed to coordinate the 10 designated Town clean-up areas. If you are able to volunteer as a neighborhood coordinator (there can be more than one volunteer for each area), or would like to volunteer your group or organization to clean-up our town either before or during Town Clean-Up Day, please contact Recreation Supervisor John Connolly at (760) 934-8989 ext. 234 or [jconnolly@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:jconnolly@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us). Keep on the look-out for more information about Town Clean-Up Day, and the Town thanks you in advance for taking pride in our community. A Bag a Person Really Helps!

### **Mammoth Mega Memorial Weekend Party**

Skip the ocean: we're bringing the beach party to the mountains! Slather on the sunscreen and enjoy our record-breaking snowfall at Mammoth Mountain. The only thing that's better than corn on the BBQ? Corn snow! With perfect blue skies, warm temperatures and a base depth of 10 ½ -19 feet of snow, spring skiing and riding in Mammoth is better than ever! To celebrate Memorial Day Weekend Mammoth-style, join us for tons of on-snow activities like snow volleyball and ping pong, music on the sun deck, food and drink specials and more! We're opening additional lifts over Memorial Day Weekend to give you more access to acres upon acres of ride-able terrain. Visit MammothMountain.com for the schedule of events.

### **New Rule Before School Opens in the Fall!**

All students entering grades 7-12 this fall must provide proof of having immunization against whooping cough ('Tdap') before starting school. In light of California's recent and ongoing whooping cough (pertussis) epidemic, there is no reason to wait for the new school year. Besides, the first day of school is busy enough as it is without having to "get shot"!

This new school requirement applies to all public and private schools, and includes students who are home schooled. California's parents are being urged not to wait for the new fall school year, since there will be no grace period. Under the new law, students will not be allowed to start school without proof of vaccination. All schools will be subject to selective review and audit.

If a child does not have health insurance, or is only partially insured, your child's doctor or the Mono County Health Department can provide information about the Vaccines for Children Program which provides free or low-cost vaccines. The Tdap vaccine is also available at Von's.

Be sure to add this to your "to do" list, and have your child vaccinated before you get distracted by all the fun summer activities. The first day of school will arrive before you know it! For more information, please visit [www.ShotsforSchool.org](http://www.ShotsforSchool.org), or call us at (760) 924-1830 for more information.

## **Recreation Highlights**

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### **Never Have a Slow Day in Mammoth!**

The eagerly awaited 2011/12 Annual Mammoth Lakes Recreation Guide is now available! The 32 page guide is the definitive source for recreation in Mammoth Lakes packed-full of programs, events and activities for kids of all ages. Whether you're looking for family fun at our many parks, challenging your endurance on our many trails or replenishing your spirit in the great outdoors, we hope you'll take advantage of what our team has created, and what awaits you in Mammoth Lakes...Your recreation Nirvana!

Look for a plethora of new camps including mountain biking, a Grom Mania and Wave Rave Concrete Kommandos Skate Camp, the Challenger British Sports Camp, the AYSO Advanced Soccer Camp and our hugely popular climbing, wilderness and Youtheatre camps. There is also an extensive sports & recreation events calendar, summer/winter trail map, and information on our aquatics, tennis and gymnastic programs.

A big "thank you" to our many partners involved in producing the guide: our service providers who created the diverse programming activities; our advertisers who provided the financial support and the Town's Staff who keep it all together. For additional information about recreation in Mammoth Lakes or to register for a camp or program please visit [www.townofmammothlakes.com](http://www.townofmammothlakes.com) or call the Recreation Department office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Make it a great day!

### **Sluggers Instructional T-Ball is Underway**

Sluggers Instructional T-Ball began on Wednesday, May 25 and will run thru June 29, 2011 - weather permitting. T-ball provides a unique opportunity for parents to share quality time with their children while preparing them for future softball and baseball activities. Cost is only \$30 (includes shirt). Please register at the Recreation Department office.

### **Stacey Cook Race Camp – May 28**

Two-time Olympian and US Ski Team member Stacey Cook will help you master your technical freeskiing, slalom and giant slalom skills in this race camp for ages 16 and older. Improve your downhill racing techniques with Stacey in a three-day camp this May 28-30, 2011. For more information or to sign-up, contact Pam Lonza with Mammoth Teams at (760) 934-0795 or [plonza@mammoth-mtn.com](mailto:plonza@mammoth-mtn.com).

### **Mammoth Progression Camps – May 28**

Want to progress your freestyle riding? Step up your freestyle skills with the Mammoth Progression Camps! Take the "painful" out of progression when you learn new tricks on our new AcroBags. The AcroBags help cushion your landing so you can concentrate on everything besides sticking your trick. The Mammoth Progression Camps are for all levels of skiers and riders from the first time park rider to the most advanced. The final session is Memorial Weekend with Matt Hammer as the guest coach. For more information or to sign-up, call Pam Lonza at (760) 934-0795 or email [plonza@mammoth-mtn.com](mailto:plonza@mammoth-mtn.com).

### **National Trails Day at June Lake – June 4**

Join Friends of the Inyo, the Inyo National Forest and the June Lake Trails Committee for National Trails Day on Saturday, June 4, 2011. Work projects at Gull Lake and around the June Lake Loop with trail maintenance and cleanup for volunteers of all ages and abilities, followed by lunch and raffle prizes! Morning refreshments will also be served. Please wear close-toed shoes and be prepared for the outdoors (water, sunscreen, bug spray) with a favorite pair of gloves and a friend! Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the June Mountain Ski Area parking lot.

### **National Trails Day at Whitney Portal – June 4**

Volunteer on Saturday, June 4, 2011 to care for the Whitney Portal National Recreation Trail on the Inyo National Forest and be rewarded for your hard work with lunch! Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Whitney Portal. Phone: (760) 873-6500 for more information.

### **RecStrats Resumes on June 8**

The “High Altitude Training & Trails” Interactive workshop resumes on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center. All workshops are scheduled to run from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and light refreshments will be provided. RecStrats is the process recommended by the Town’s Recreation Commission and approved by the Town Council to define “a vision for the recreation in Mammoth Lakes and a strategic plan for its implementation.” The RecStrats implementation plan process will use the community’s input to identify projects, programs and services needed to achieve the seven core strategies identified in RecStrats. It will begin to categorize and link the identified needs and opportunities and will provide the framework for defining funding options for implementation.

If you are unable to attend the workshop, complete a survey in either English or Spanish online at: <http://recstrats.com>. You are also invited to complete a survey at key locations around town including the Town Offices, Mammoth Lakes Library, Mammoth Lakes Post Office and Snowcreek Athletic Club.

The remaining RECSTRATS topic-specific workshops are as follows:

- Wednesday, June 8, 2011 - High Altitude Training & Trails
- Thursday, June 23, 2011 - Linkages & Priorities

For additional information, please visit [www.recstrats.com](http://www.recstrats.com) or call the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222.

### **Sierra Club Outings**

Sierra Club evening hikes every Wednesday, outings every Sunday and June 21 is the Social: travel to Patagonia and Beyond features at the Mammoth Lakes Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please go to: <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/> for details.

### **Mammoth AYSO Registration**

The final registration for Mammoth AYSO fall soccer was held on Thursday, May 26, 2011. Please register your player or yourself as a volunteer parent, coach or referee by July 1, 2011 when the fees increase by \$10/player. Registration & volunteer forms are available for completion at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation

Department Office (above Giovanni's) Monday thru Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A player will be guaranteed placement on a team if registered prior to July 1, 2011. After July 1, and before August 1, 2011 players are requested to complete forms, submit late payment fee and wait to be placed – space available – on a team.

The current fee is only \$60 per child or \$50 / \$40 for second or third child (please bring birth certificates for new players). Fees include new uniform, team photo, great coaching, tournaments and awards! **Age Divisions:** U5 Coed / U6 Coed / U8 / U10 / U12 / U15 & U19. For complete registration information, call (760) 709-2481, email: [Mammothayso@gmail.com](mailto:Mammothayso@gmail.com) or visit [www.Mammothayso.com](http://www.Mammothayso.com).

### **Whitmore Pool Lap Swim Has Begun**

Lap swimming at [Whitmore Pool](#) began Monday, May 9, 2011 and is offered Monday – Friday between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., (excluding Wednesday). The High Sierra Triathlon Club have scheduled Lap Swim every Wednesday thru July 6, 2011 from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Public Lap Swim is available after Tri Club from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Join certified swim instructors/coaches for some extra stroke training. These classes are designed to improve on the four competitive strokes as well as get you trained up for that Triathlon you signed up for this summer! Classes are every Monday and Wednesday from 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. between May 11 - June 15, 2011, and Mondays only from June 20 - August 8, 2011. Cost is \$10 per day. Register by calling the Whitmore Pool at (760) 935-4222 or drop-in on the day. Season passes and punch cards are available for sale at the pool.

### **Get Gymnastics Fever!**

This year-round program is designed to introduce children from 3-18 years old the wonderful and exciting sport of gymnastics. Offered by Michelle DeJong, a level 8 competitive gymnast and Level 1-5 gymnastics coach, participants will learn to tumble and more in a safe and structured environment. This program is also a recipient of Measure R funding with \$7,000 of gymnastic equipment. Three age sessions are available at the Community Center on Forest Trail and are all on schedule for February, 2011.

- 3-5 yr olds – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 5-8 yr olds – Saturday: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- 8-12+ yr olds – Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Saturday: 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fees are only \$50/month (8 sessions) for residents and \$60/month for non-residents. Five session Punch Cards are available for \$50 and Private lessons are available upon request at \$20 for 30-45 minutes. Drop-in's are welcome and encouraged - First one is FREE! Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to register your aspiring Gymnast!

### **Gymnastic Schedule Changes**

The following changes have been made to the Wednesday gymnastics session at the Community Center: June 8 to June 7, 2011

## Sports & Recreation Calendar

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- April 24 – May 31: SpringFest
- April 30: Opening Day of Mono County Fishing Season
- May 1 – June 30: Convict Lake Spring Fishing Derby
- May 9: Whitmore Pool Opens for Lap Swim
- May 24-29: Mule Days Celebration in Bishop
- May 25: Little Sluggers Begins at MES (ends June 29)
- May 25: Projected opening day of Lakes Basin Road
- May 26: Mammoth AYSO Registration @ MES
- May 26: Adult Summer Softball Managers Meeting
- May 27-30: Mammoth Mega Memorial Weekend Party
- May 28-30: Stacey Cook Race Camp
- May 28-30: Mammoth Progression Camp
- June 4: National Trails Day
- June 7: Recreation Commission Meeting
- June 8: Special Recreation Commission Meeting
- June 8: RECSTRATS “High Altitude Training” Workshop
- June 10/11: “Green Fire” Film screening
- June 11: Town Clean Up Day
- June 12: Meet the New Tennis Pro @ Community Center Tennis Courts
- June 14: Tennis Lessons begin
- June 15: Recreation Commission/Town Council Study Session
- June 16-26: Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross
- June 16: Snowcreek Golf Course Scheduled Opening Day
- June 17: Sierra Star Scheduled Opening Day
- June 21: Sierra Club Social
- June 23: RECSTRATS “Linkages & Priorities” Workshop
- June 24: Projected opening of Reds Meadow Road
- June 24: Mammoth Mountain Bike Park Opening Day

## Public Service Announcements

### Motorists Urged to Use Caution

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department would like to caution motorists to be extra alert for migrating deer on Highway 395 and State Route 203. Large numbers of deer are on the move at this time of year and they pose a real threat to motorists. On Thursday, May 12, one vehicle swerved to avoid a deer and ran off Highway 395 near the airport. The deer was struck and killed and the driver and passenger were transported to Mammoth Lakes Hospital for injuries received in the collision. Both occupants were wearing safety belts which prevented more serious injuries from occurring. Another deer was struck and killed in the same area by a Mono County Sheriff's vehicle that was enroute to the first collision.

### Mammoth Farmers Market Returns to Main Street

While Mono and Inyo County farmers are tending to their crops, organizers of the Mammoth Lakes Farmer's Market are preparing the Main Street frontage road for another season of fresh produce, entertainment, artists, and fun. The Farmer's Market will begin on **Wednesday, June 15th** (crops permitting) and will continue weekly on Wednesdays from 4:00pm to 7:00pm until the end of September. A

special Farmer's Market event will take place on Wednesday, July 6th to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Devil's Postpile.

New this year, the market will be located in front of the Luxury Outlet Mall, and traffic on the frontage road will be re-routed to create a more pedestrian friendly environment. Also new this year, organizers are welcoming artists, craftspeople, retailers, and non-profit groups to join in the fun. Local bands and entertainers are also welcome to come and showcase their talents.

If you grow it, make it, speak it, or sing it, you should be participating in the Mammoth Lakes Farmer's Market. Space is limited. For more information on being a vendor or performer, please contact [info@greenfoxevents.com](mailto:info@greenfoxevents.com) or (760) 709-6744.

### **Mammoth Creek Park Playground Equipment Removal**

On April 20, 2011, the Mammoth Lakes Town Council approved funding to remove and replace the substandard playground equipment from Mammoth Creek Park. Parks Maintenance personnel have removed the non-compliant playground equipment and signage at the park notifies users of this action. The playground will be closed for the duration of the removal process. The replacement playground equipment is expected to be installed in mid-summer (hopefully prior to July 4). Please contact the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 Extension 222 for additional information and updates on completion.

### **SR203 Resurfacing Project**

The SR203 pavement overlay that was completed October 2009 by Caltrans and subsequently failed in many areas along the route will be corrected this summer. Caltrans District 9 plans to start work just after the July 4th holiday and complete work mid-August 2011. Town staff will be meeting with Caltrans to review their detailed project schedule sometime in the next two weeks.

### **Leash Law Reminder**

Mammoth residents and visitors are reminded that the Town has a leash law, and it is a violation of the ordinance to allow your dog to run loose off of your property. While budget cuts eliminated the Animal Control Officer position, the laws pertaining to controlling your pets did not change, and you can still be cited by Mammoth Lakes Police Department officers if your dog is at-large. The Police Department is currently receiving a large number of complaints from several neighborhoods, and will be targeting patrol time in those areas when possible to apprehend loose dogs and to cite their owners. In addition to the citation fine, you could also be charged boarding fees by Mono County Animal Control if we choose to impound your dog at the Whitmore Shelter. At-large dogs are a traffic hazard, and even the most well behaved dog can bite if provoked. If your loose animal causes a traffic collision or injures/bites someone, you would likely be liable for damages, which could add up to thousands of dollars. Please respect your neighbors, AND your pet and obey the leash law.

### **Notify Me!**

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DNDP updates, bid postings, news flash, calendar items, and more! Make smart decisions, subscribe today!

### **Town Outdoor Lighting Ordinance**

In 2003, the Town implemented an outdoor lighting ordinance to eliminate light pollution and preserve views of our starry skies. The outdoor lighting ordinance was adopted to encourage residents to administer a lighting system that not only promotes public safety and night-time ambiance but to maximize energy conservation. To eliminate glare and light trespass into neighboring properties and roadways, the outdoor lighting fixtures on your property should be shielded and re-directed to shine downward or changed out to a lower wattage. More information about responsible lighting can be found at [www.crlaction.org](http://www.crlaction.org).