



Town of Mammoth Lakes

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Town News

Week of June 13, 2011

News from the Town Manager

Town Council Meeting– June 15

The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. with a study session with the Recreation Commission in Suite Z 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 are listed below:

- 5:00 p.m. – Study Session: Joint workshop with the Recreation Commission to discuss the Recreation Strategy, Measure R, and Measure U.
- 6:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
- Council Reorganization: 1) Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. 2) Recognition of outgoing Mayor Skip Harvey. 3) Town Council appointments to commissions and committees.
- Council Presentation: 1) Twenty-five year service award to Public Works Maintenance Superintendent Dave Beck. (Continued from June 1, 2011.) 2) Five year service awards to Associate Planner Jen Daugherty and Police Officer Ron Gladding.
- Policy Matters: 1) Resolution adopting the Town of Mammoth Lakes Public Art Plan. 2) Completion of Budget Deliberation for Fiscal Year 2011-12, with direction to staff for the June 22, 2011 Interim Budget Adoption.
- Consent Agenda: 1) The minutes of the special meeting of May 25, 2011. 2) Waive the reading and adopt by title only the ordinance approving Zone Code Amendment 11-001, Sign Code Update, amending Chapter 17.40 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code. 3) Waive the reading and adopt by title only the ordinance amending Chapters 2.12, 5.04, and 8.32 of the Municipal Code regarding TOT compliance and enforcement.

Mammoth Lakes Basin Roads to Open to Public Saturday June 11

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has just completed snowplowing in the Mammoth Lakes Basin and the Forest Service will open access roads to the public on Saturday, June 11 at noon. Visitors should be aware that above average snowpack has left tall walls of snow, narrow roads, and limited parking. Hikers, bikers, and vehicles share these narrow roads and all users should travel with extra care and caution. The snow is rapidly melting and in the evenings, freezing temperatures could cause icy travel conditions. Parking is limited to the few spaces that are plowed open. Visitors are

prohibited from parking in the roadway or blocking traffic with their vehicles. Most lakes in the Lakes Basin are still completely or partially covered with snow and ice. This snow and ice is not safe to walk or travel on and should be avoided. If visiting the Mammoth Lakes Basin, please travel slowly and use extra caution. For more information please stop by the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center or call them at (760) 924-5500.

Reds Meadow/Devils Postpile

Caltrans is making progress in its efforts to clear State Route 203 from Main Lodge to Minaret Summit. Once this work is complete, Town crews will begin to clear the road down to Reds Meadow. We anticipate this work will start the week of June 13th. With the heavy snow fall this year it may take a couple of weeks to clear the snow and debris from the road.

Calls for Service/Officer Observations

136, including 2 business/building checks

Crime/Incident Reports

23 reports, including 4 arrests

Traffic Stops/Citations/Traffic Collisions

27 stops; 7 citations; 0 parking citations; 0 skate park citations; 3 collisions

Animal Control Incidents

4 incidents; 1 report

Wildlife Calls/Reports

4 calls; 2 reports

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, June 10 - Saturday, June 11 = 19%
Sunday, June 12 - Thursday, June 16 = 18%

Twitter

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Community Development

Planning Commission Meeting Update – June 8

The Planning Commission acted on the following at their June 8th meeting:

- Zoning Code Update – Commercial Zoning Districts and Height Measurement and Limits. Staff contact: Senior Planner Sandra Moberly at (760) 934-8989 Extension 251.

- Trail System Master Plan Update and Errata. Staff contact: Senior Planner Ellen Clark at (760) 934-8989 Extension 269.
- Workshop Presentation on Mammoth Rock 'N Bowl. Staff contact: Community Development Director Mark Wardlaw at (760) 934-8989 Extension 238.
- Resort Investment Element. Staff contact: Community Development Director Mark Wardlaw at (760) 934-8989 Extension 238 and Public Works Director Ray Jarvis at (760) 934-8989 Extension 257.

Mammoth View

The public comment period for the Mammoth View mitigated negative declaration (MND) runs from May 27, 2011 to June 27, 2011. The MND is available for download from the Town's website. Staff contact: Associate Planner Pam Kobylarz at (760) 934-8989 Extension 253.

Community News

Take Pride in Your Neighborhood!

Take pride in your neighborhood and volunteer to help clean up our Town this 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 and raffle at Mammoth Creek Park. 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 - (maximum 5 at one-time) from the following locations:

- Stellar Brew & Natural Deli (Main Street)
- Looney Bean (Rite Aid Mall)
- Old NY Deli & Bagel (Village at Mammoth)
- Mammoth Business Essentials (Minaret Road)
- RE/MAX of Mammoth (Old Mammoth Road)
- Snowcreek Athletic Club (Old Mammoth Road)
- Town Offices (Minaret Village Mall)
- Mammoth Lakes California Welcome Center (2510 Main Street)
- Mammoth Lakes Tourism Office (2520 Main Street)
- Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station (59 Commerce Drive)

Neighborhood Coordinators

Meet your neighborhood coordinator in your "Town Zone" at the designated locations and times listed below to collect orange trash bags, and to find out where the trash "Hot Spots" are for your area.

Zone 1 (Knolls)

Sandy Hogan - (760) 924-2034

- Meet at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center at 8:30 a.m.

Zone 2 (Canyon)

Laura Brinker (The Westin Monache) – (760) 934-0454

- Meet at the Westin at 8:00 a.m.

Zone 3 (Majestic Pines)

Jessica Morriss - (813) 732-6677

Meet in the Little Eagle parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

Zone 4 (Sierra Star)

Leigh Gaasch - (760) 934-7639

- Meet at the Red Rooster Mall at 8:00 a.m.

Zone 5 (Mid-town)

Town of Mammoth Lakes - (760) 934-8989 ext. 234

- Meet at Mammoth Creek Park at 8:00 a.m.

Zone 6 (Shady Rest)

Mammoth Motorcycle Club & Mammoth Snowmobile Repair
(760) 914-0272 / (760) 709-6234 / (218) 290-1546

- Meet near the entrance to Shady Rest campground at 8:30 a.m.

Zone 7 (Trails)

Harry White (CERT) - (760) 920-2383

- Bags will be available for collection at the corner of Wagon Wheel and Trails End Road.

Zone 8 (Snowcreek)

Dick Baggett (Sierra Club) - (760) 924-5749

- Meet at the Union Bank at 8:00 a.m.

Zone 9 (Old Mammoth)

Joe Parino & Marianne O'Connor (Bear With Us) - (760) 934-6299

- Meet near the entrance to the Snowcreek Athletic Club parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

Zone 10 (Lake Mary Road)

Roy Moyer (Tamarack Lodge) - (760) 934-2442 ext. 302

- Meet in the Tamarack Lodge lobby at 8:00 a.m.

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

We encourage you to separate your green waste (pine cones/needles, etc.), trash and any recycling material, and try and limit the weight of the orange bags to 50lbs. Do not place hazardous materials such as used oil, pesticides, car batteries or paint in the orange bags.

Do not leave any bulky items (refrigerators, appliances, mattresses etc.) on the side of the road. The Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station will receive all of 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.

Town Clean Up Day is proudly supported by the Town of Mammoth Lakes, United States Forest Service, Mammoth Lakes Fire District, Sierra Conservation Project, Mammoth Disposal, Giovannis', Breakfast Club, The Sheet, Mammoth Brewing Company, Angels, and the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

The Town thanks you in advance for taking pride in your community.

Blue Sky Food & Wine Seminars

Join us for two fun days of learning and tasting with renowned chefs and wine experts at the Blue Sky Food & Wine Seminars **July 8-9, 2011** at Edison Theatre! Each seminar features wine tasting paired with tapas-style plates to bring out the best flavors of each. A choice of seven seminars over two days includes: Spanish Wine and Tapas, The Emergence of Paso Robles, An Intro to the Art of Wine and Food Pairing, Chef Frederic's Best, Your Fit Gourmet Yvonne Tally and California Vintage. Food & Wine Seminar tickets are \$50/person and include all seven seminars. Seminars are also included with the Blue Sky Food & Wine Experience ticket. Visit www.mammothlakesfoundation.org for all the details or to purchase a ticket.

Devils Postpile Announces Centennial Celebration and Events Schedule

This summer Devils Postpile National Monument will celebrate 100 years of preservation, partnerships and progress as they commemorate the centennial of the designation of this unique local monument. To kick off the celebration, historic photos will be on display at the Mammoth Lakes Library starting on Wednesday June 1, 2011. The official celebration will begin on Wednesday July 6 at the Mammoth Lakes Farmer's Market on Main Street with a Devils Postpile Birthday Party from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. On Thursday evening from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m., all are invited to the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center Auditorium for a celebration of the community effort to stop the proposed Trans-Sierra Highway through Reds Meadow and Devils Postpile. Friday July 8 at 9:00 a.m., all are welcome to join National Park Service Pacific West Regional Director Chris Lehnertz at a celebration to commemorate the establishment of the monument in 1911. This celebration will take place at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center.

Special events will follow throughout the weekend both at Devils Postpile National Monument and at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center. Highlights will include a living history presentation by local John Muir expert Lee Stetson on Friday July 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center Auditorium, and a special evening program presented by National Park Service Historian Christopher Johnson on Saturday July 9 at 8:30 p.m. at the Devils Postpile Amphitheater. For more information and a complete schedule of events, please visit the Devils Postpile website at www.nps.gov/depo or contact the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center at (760) 924-5500.

Recreation Highlights

Meet the New Tennis Pro!

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is excited to welcome Tom Sherry, a USPTA Tennis Professional to the Community Center Tennis Courts. Tom will run clinics, camps, and private lessons for all ability levels at the Tennis Courts on Forest Trail that emphasize stroke production and strategy. The Recreation Department will be hosting a "Meet the Pro Day" at the Community Center Tennis Courts this Sunday, June 12, 2011 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. All are invited for "smashing" afternoon and free lunch!

The Mammoth Lakes Tennis Club (MLTC) has programmed a number of special events hosted at the Community Center Tennis Courts, including the new "Sunday

Social" beginning on June 19, 2011. Socials get underway from 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. with snacks provided by the MLTC. For more information about the tournaments and socials, contact MLTC president Gail Lonne at (760) 934-0150 or glonne@verizon.net.

For more information or to purchase your tennis lesson punch cards, please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222, visit www.townofmammothlakes.com or pick up a copy of the new 2011/12 Annual Mammoth Lakes Recreation Guide available throughout town.

National Get Outdoors Day!

Get Outdoors Day is Saturday, June 11. Naturalist/interpretive programs for adults and children alike are offered from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center and Ranger Station on Hwy. 203 at entrance to Town. For more information, contact: Pennie Custer (760) 924-5500 or pcuster@fs.fed.us.

"Green Fire" Film Screenings in Mammoth and Bishop

Celebrate stewardship and the Eastern Sierra's public lands at screenings of "Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time" at the Edison Theatre (former ski museum across from Cerro Coso College) in Mammoth and Inyo Council for the Arts in Bishop (137 S. Main Street). Shows run on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11 beginning with a reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by 7:30 p.m. film screening and panel discussion with filmmakers and local biologist Phil Pister. Suggested ticket donation: \$10 (\$5 for students) available at Access (Mammoth) and Wilson's (Bishop) or at Friends of the Inyo, 819 North Barlow Lane in Bishop. Phone: (760) 873-6500 or email cat@friendsoftheinyo.org.

ESV Hosts the Bridgeport Ride

An annual favorite of the calendar is the Bridgeport Ride this Sunday, June 12, 2011. The weather forecast is looking to be "mostly beautiful, with a chance of gorgeous" (temps in the 70's!). The route travels roads both quiet and scenic, and there's something for everyone. For more information, and to sign-up, please visit www.eastsidevelo.org. Let's go for a warm ride and work on our tans.

Race against Yourself Time Trial Series

The ESV is partnering with the High Sierra Tri Club to host a series of Time Trial bike rides throughout the summer. The series is intended for all levels of riders, and participants will be able to record their efforts against the clock. We hope the clubs' members will come on out and have some fun with this event, which will (hopefully) help you monitor your improvement throughout the riding season. The first event of the series will roll on Thursday evening, June 16. We plan on holding two TT's a month throughout the summer riding season. Should be a hoot!

Sierra Club Outings

Sierra Club evening hikes every Wednesday, outings every Sunday and June 21, 2011 is the Social: travel to Patagonia and Beyond features at the Mammoth Lakes Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please visit: <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/>

What's Going On This Summer at the Station

The sun is starting to shine and the snow is slowly melting at The Station! While we have some mixed feelings about that, we're still excited for summer. This season we

have plenty of things going on including a summer snowboard camp, local day camps, high altitude training for cross-country teams, rock climbing and skateboarding camps, and youth group camps! If you'd like more information about all that we have to offer, visit: www.thestationcamp.com.

Mammoth Mud Run

Stomp through mud pits! Crawl on your hands and knees underneath obstacles! Haul your body up and over walls! And that's just a partial listing of what you'll have to do. The 1st Annual Mammoth Mud Run tests your endurance and strength in a series of obstacles, mud pits and more over a span of 5 kilometers. It's fun. It's dirty. It will leave you breathless. Join us for the highest Mud Run in California on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at the Village at Mammoth/Canyon Lodge. For more information and to register visit www.MammothMountain.com/MammothMudRun.

Mammoth AYSO Registration

Register your player or yourself as a volunteer parent, coach or referee by June 30, 2011. Registration & volunteer forms are available at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department Office (above Giovanni's) Monday - 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 fees of \$10/player and wait to be placed – space available – on a team.

The current player fees are \$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 or visit www.Mammothayso.com.

Six Unforgettable Days in the Sierras

Mammoth Mountain is excited to announce the return of the Mammoth Unbound Camp. The camp provides a unique opportunity for kids between 8-15 to visit Mammoth and experience everything the Sierras has to offer. Over the course of six, fun-filled days campers will participate in geocaching, skateboarding, mountain biking, rock climbing, zip lining as well as a day of hiking and rafting in Yosemite, before finishing the week with a horseback riding adventure through the mountains where they will camp overnight and sleep under the stars. Campers will be housed in same sex rooms at the Mammoth Mountain Inn with 24-hour supervision from our highly qualified staff. A 7-to-1 camper to counselor ratio ensures plenty of private attention for your child. All food is also included and the diverse menu will have healthy options for all. Camp dates are July 10-15, July 24-29 and August 7-12, 2011. Contact Pam Lonza at (760) 934-0795, email plonza@mammoth-mtn.com, or visit www.MammothMountain.com/SummerCamps for all the details or to make a reservation.

ON-GOING RECREATION PROGRAMS...

Party Yourself into Shape!

Zumba® Fitness is offered every Monday by Kaysie Williams from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail (near The Village). Zumba® Fitness is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health.

Participants don't even have to know how to dance. Just move your body and follow the instructor's lead. It's easy! Participants can purchase a 10 class punch card for \$77.50 or a 5 class punch card for only \$42.50. The Drop-In rate is \$10 per class. For more information or to register call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Feel the music and let loose!

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!

Sluggers Instructional T-Ball is Underway

Sluggers Instructional T-Ball began on Wednesday, May 25 and will run thru June 29, 2011 - weather permitting. Activities for Wednesday, June 1, 2011 have been cancelled. We will try and make-up the day at a later and warmer time! 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.

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 or call the Recreation Department office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Make it a great day!

Sports & Recreation Calendar

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- On-going: Zumba Fitness at the Community Center
- On-going: Lap Swim at the Whitmore Pool
- On-going: Little Sluggers Begins at MES (ends June 29)
- April 24 – May 31: SpringFest
- May 1 – June 30: Convict Lake Spring Fishing Derby
- June 10/11: "Green Fire" Film screening
- June 11: National Get Outdoors Day!
- June 11: Town Clean Up Day
- June 12: Meet the New Tennis Pro @ Community Center Tennis Courts
- June 12: ESV Bridgeport Ride
- June 14: Tennis Lessons begin @ Community Center Tennis Courts
- June 15: Recreation Commission/Town Council Study Session
- June 16-26: Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross
- June 16: Mammoth Trails Meeting
- June 16: Snowcreek Golf Course Scheduled Opening Day
- June 17: Sierra Star Scheduled Opening Day
- June 18: June Mountain summer operations begin
- June 18: Fathers Day Picnic and Free Concert at the Library
- June 21: Sierra Club Social
- June 22-24 – Recreation Department Mountain Bike Camp
- June 23: RECSTRATS "Linkages & Priorities" Workshop
- June 23: Projected opening of Reds Meadow Road
- June 24: mammoth Mountain Adventure Center Opening Day
- June 24: Mammoth Mountain Bike Park Opening Day
- June 25-26: MLTC Summer Solstice Doubles Tournament @ Snowcreek
- June 27: Swim Lessons – Session 1
- June 27: UK International Soccer Camp 1

Public Service Announcements

The Bears are Back!

Now that spring has arrived, the black bears who call the Mammoth Lakes area their home are coming out of hibernation, and they are hungry! It is time to remind all our residents and visitors that it is our responsibility to KEEP WILDLIFE WILD. The best way of doing this, and preventing bears from becoming dependent on humans for food, is to follow these common sense rules:

- Never feed any wildlife, or leave food out for bears or other wild animals.
- Securely store food and fragrant items such as shampoo and deodorant in an airtight container. When camping, use a bear-proof box.
- Don't leave food, even in a cooler, in a car, tent, or other unsecured location.
- Don't leave pet food outdoors or use a bird feeder. Bears love bird seed!
- Always deposit trash in a bear proof trash can or dumpster.
- Keep your car locked and your garage door closed.
- Close and lock ground floor windows when no one is home.

It is not unusual to see black bears wandering through town. Enjoy them, but keep your distance. If you see a bear that is misbehaving (such as trying to get into a trash dumpster, vehicle, or building) call 911 immediately. The Town's Wildlife Specialist and police officers are trained to handle situations such as this. Bears are shy and generally afraid of people. If you feel threatened by a bear, yell or bang on something to scare the bear away. If by chance a bear enters a structure looking for food while you are inside, make a lot of noise and go into another room, close the door, and call 911. The bear will most likely be more frightened than you and leave.

It is also time to remind everyone that all wildlife, including deer, are on the move. When driving, especially at dusk and dawn, be on the lookout for wild animals crossing the roadway. Striking a deer or bear can be fatal – not only to the animal, but also to people in the car.

For more information on co-existing with wildlife in Mammoth Lakes, contact the Town's Wildlife Specialist Steve Searles at (760) 937-BEAR or Lieutenant John Mair at (760) 934-2011 Extension 44.

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

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, or call us at (760) 924-1830 for more information.

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 the 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 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.

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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.