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## **Town News**

**Week of December 12, 2011**

### **News from the Town Manager**

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#### **Town Council Meeting – Jan. 4**

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Suite Z/Minaret Village Mall. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

#### **Mammoth Yosemite Airport Sprung Structure Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Dec. 14**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes cordially invites the community of Mammoth Lakes to attend the Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Sprung Structure at the Mammoth Yosemite Airport on **Wednesday, December 14, 2011** beginning at 2:00 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate the opening of this new passenger amenity constructed to enhance the passenger experience at the Mammoth Yosemite Airport. Amenities include food & beverage services, a restroom and seating for 70. For the complete winter flight schedule please visit [www.visitmammoth.com/fly](http://www.visitmammoth.com/fly).

#### **Projected Average Resort Occupancy**

**Friday, December 9 - Saturday, December 10 = 24%**  
(32% same weekend in 2010, down in 2011)

**Sunday, December 11 - Thursday, December 15 = 19%**  
(22% same midweek in 2010, down in 2011)

**As of today - Friday, Dec. 16 & Saturday, Dec. 17 = 51%** (Night of Lights)

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

130, including 0 business/building checks

#### **Crime Incident Reports**

15 reports, including 5 arrests

#### **Traffic Stop/Citations/Traffic Collisions**

42 stops; 7 citations; 1 parking citation; 0 skate park citations; 1 collision

### **Animal Control Incidents**

1 incident; 0 reports

### **Wildlife**

5 calls; 0 reports

### **Twitter**

Follow 'TownofMammoth' daily on Twitter at [www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us).

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## **Community Development**

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### **Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Enforcement Program Update**

In August, Town staff began exploring ways to strengthen and clarify the TOT Revenue Collection and Business License Municipal Code sections to facilitate increased and consistent TOT compliance. Town Council considered proposed changes to the ordinance and voted to approve the changes on November 16, 2011, with the second reading held on November 30, 2011. These changes will go into effect on January 1, 2012. Important changes that will affect operators of transient occupancy facilities are summarized below.

#### **Revisions to TOT Ordinance**

- To improve the visitor experience, operators are required to have a 24-hour local contact for guests for any issues that may arise in a condo or home they are renting. This contact information is required to be posted in the unit at all times.
- To help the local visitor and business industries, transient facility operators will be required to provide the Town with information including:
  - Number of transient facilities available.
  - Number of transient facilities occupied.
  - Number of paid nights occupied.
  - Number of reserved or confirmed sales for the upcoming six months.
  - Other information that may be requested by the tax collector.
- "Evidence of conducting business" definition has been modified to clarify that advertisement of a transient facility for rent is considered to be business activity, and therefore is not permitted without a valid business tax and TOT certificate.
- To help guests, a valid TOT certificate is required to be posted in each transient occupancy facility at all times, and shall include contact information for the owner of the unit, emergency contact information, maximum occupancy of the unit, address and phone number of the unit and/or facility, and waste disposal information.

- Revisions that allow the Town the flexibility to require quarterly remitters to change to remit monthly.

The Town will be updating its forms and applications to accommodate this new information. If you have any questions regarding these changes and how they might affect you, please feel free to call the Town's Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 x273. You can also call the TOT hotline at (760) 934-8989 x275 or send an email to [tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us).

### **Air Service Forecast Workshop – Dec. 16**

The Town is inviting the community to a public workshop with the Airport Commission to learn about and discuss the Mammoth Yosemite Airport draft aviation forecast on Friday, December 16, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., Suite Z/Town Council Chambers.

The draft aviation forecast will be presented by Mr. Kent Myers of AirPlanners, and the following will be presented and discussed:

- Short, mid, and long-range projections (up to 20 years) for the number of flights and aircraft passenger seats.
- Methodology and assumptions behind the draft aviation forecast.
- Growth patterns and associated aviation forecasts for comparable peer resort airports.

The draft aviation forecast is Chapter 3 of the Draft Airport Layout Plan Update Narrative and is available on the Town's website. The workshop will be recorded on the Town's website for viewing during and after the workshop. For additional information or to submit written comments, please contact Jen Daugherty, Associate Planner, at (760) 934-8989 ext. 260 or [jdaugherty@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:jdaugherty@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us).

### **Draft Mobility Element Released for Public Review**

The Town's Draft Mobility Element has been released for public review and is available online: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=425>.

The public review period will end Friday, December 16, 2011. Comments on the Draft Element should be submitted to Jessica Morriss, Associate Transportation Planner, at [Jmorriss@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:Jmorriss@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us) or at (760) 934-8989 ext. 225.

## **Community News**

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### **FREE FRIDAY!**

Mammoth Mountain is going to prove that conditions are so good their offering FREE Skiing/riding today, **December 9, 2011**. All you have to do is [Sign up for MyMammoth](#) and redeem your free lift ticket at any window this Friday. In other news, RollerCoaster Express (4) - Opened Wednesday December 8, and Canyon Lodge/Little Eagle Lodge are scheduled to open Wednesday December 14, 2011. Just in time for the holidays!

### **Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra Announces Island Extravaganza – Dec. 10**

Save the date! Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra is excited to announce the Island Extravaganza, the nonprofit's largest fundraiser will take place at Canyon Lodge on Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Join Disabled Sports for a Margaritaville-themed evening complete with dinner, live music, raffle and silent auction. Highlights of this year's silent auction include a Kodiak Alaska bed and breakfast with gourmet dinner cruise and charter fishing trip, a stay in Kauai, \$500 gift certificate for advertising on KMMT, many family-fun packages from Mammoth Mountain and tons more. The grand raffle prize is a Maui vacation for two for 5 nights...airfare and lodging!!

Island Extravaganza is a popular event and a huge success. Last year over 350 people attended and Disabled Sports raised funds that provided scholarships for adaptive students and supported the rehabilitation of wounded service men and women through the Wounded Warriors program. Event tickets are \$55 each and include dinner, live music, and a raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets are five for \$20 or one for \$5 and you don't need to be present to win. Music by Soul Reason...Mike Hoover and friends ... and DJ Spencer will be spinning vinyl and keeping everyone on the dance floor!

For more information or to purchase your Island Extravaganza event and raffle tickets call (760) 934-0791. Tickets are also available at the Booky Joint and Second Chance Thrift Shop in Mammoth or at the Disabled Sports office at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area.

### **Edison Theatre Presents "It's a Wonderful Life" – Dec. 8-18**

Every year the Frank Capra classic film "It's a Wonderful Life" plays on television screens across America reminding us of the story about dreams, sacrifice and redemption. In the story, when George Bailey considers ending his life on Christmas Eve, an angel shows him the light. This year Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre, under the direction of Artistic Director Shira Dubrovner, is bringing that story to life in a lively and different way. This year it's being presented at the Edison Theatre on stage as a 1940s-style radio production, complete with period costumes and special effects being created live on stage as the story progresses.

"It's a Wonderful Life," the live radio show, plays December 8-18 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm, and on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm. Special tickets prices for this family-friendly production are \$15 General Admission and \$12 for Seniors and Students. Group rates are also available for groups of 10 or more. The Edison Theatre is also offering the opportunity for companies to buy out

the theatre as a holiday gift for their employees. If interested, contact Shira Dubrovner at 760-934-6592 or [shira@mammothlakesfoundation.org](mailto:shira@mammothlakesfoundation.org).

### **Night of Lights – Dec. 17**

Mammoth is excited for the return of the Night of Lights at Canyon Lodge on Saturday, December 17, 2011. This event that began almost two decades ago celebrates the magic of the holiday season with a winter lights show against the majestic backdrop of Mammoth's ski slopes. Guests of all ages are invited to ride the complimentary Village Gondola to Canyon Lodge where they can enjoy a fun-filled night complete with a firework show, torchlight parade, live music and more.

View the show from the snow, or grab tickets to one of the VIP viewing areas for a premium perspective on the festivities. Stick around after the sights for the sounds of The Naked and Famous, whose blend of indie-pop is like a mix of MGMT and Passion Pit. The Night of Lights is presented by the Southern California Ford Dealers – the Official Vehicle of Mammoth Mountain. Please visit <http://www.mammothmountain.com/ResortActivities/SpecialEvents/NightofLights> for the product offerings, schedule of events and transportation information.

### **"Festive Holiday POPS" – Dec. 17**

Chamber Music Unbound presents The Felici Piano Trio, Eastern Sierra Chamber Orchestra & Choir and Maria Jette, soprano in "Festive Holiday Pops" playing on Saturday, December 17, 2011, from 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Mammoth Lakes. Music by Handel, Bach and festive holiday tunes. Tickets (\$25 Adult, \$17 Senior) are available online ([www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org](http://www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org)), at Access Art and Business Center, the Inyo Council for the Arts, or at the door on concert nights.

## **Recreation Highlights**

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### **Santa's Coming!**

Santa is dropping by the Mammoth Ice Rink on Monday, December 12, 2011 between 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Come tell Santa what you want for Christmas, and you can also get your portrait taken with St. Nick for only \$10 compliments of BlueBird Imaging! Looking for some fun on New Year's Eve? Come on out and celebrate with us East Coast Style! We will do a countdown complete with hats and party favors. Stay tuned for more information!

### **Get Your Skates On Mammoth Lakes!**

The new and improved Mammoth Ice Rink is now open to the public. The Mammoth Ice Rink is located at 416 Sierra Park Road adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Library and opposite Mammoth High School. The Mammoth Ice Rink is an outdoor facility offering public skating sessions, hockey clinics, pick-up hockey, skating lessons and special events. Amenities include skate sharpening, skate rentals and snack and beverage services.

Session rates for the 2011/12 season have been 'frozen' from 2009/10. Adults skate for \$10.00 with skate rentals, youth (5-15) for \$8.00 with skate rentals, and kids 4 and under skate free with a paid adult. This winter get your 6th Skate FREE with the

new Five Skate Pass (5SP), Seniors and college students skate mid-week for half-price, and local students skate for only \$2.00 per session (including skate rentals).

Drop-in Ice Hockey has been programmed for women on Wednesday evening, and Tuesday/Thursday evenings for men between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday morning the youth (5-15 yrs) take to the ice, and an open Hockey session has been scheduled on Sunday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. When visiting the Mammoth Ice Rink, please consider taking the Main Lodge – Village/Vons – Snowcreek Shuttle (Red Line), Mid-Town LIFT (Purple Line) or Old Mammoth LIFT (Grey line) to the Mammoth Ice Rink as parking is limited.

The Mammoth Ice Rink is owned and operated by the Town of Mammoth Lakes through a partnership with Mammoth Unified School District and Mono County Office of Education. The facility is drug-free, smoke-free and pet-free. We accept cash, credit cards, and personal checks with a valid driver's license. For the complete winter schedule, rates and special promotions visit [www.mammothicerink.com](http://www.mammothicerink.com), see our rack card in all Certified Racks located throughout Mammoth Lakes, or call the Mammoth Ice Rink at (760) 934-2505.

### **Party Yourself into Shape!**

Zumba® Fitness offered by Kaysie Williams from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail will return on Monday, January 9, 2012. See you next year!

### **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.

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 -ins are welcome and encouraged - First one is FREE! Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to register your aspiring Gymnast!

### **Contact Us**

All the summer, fall, winter and Spring events, programs and activities are listed on [www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us) and in the 2011-12 Annual Mammoth Recreation Guide. Please call the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 or visit us in the Town Offices – Minaret Village Mall (above Giovanni's) to register for a program, for additional information or to forward your comments and suggestions.

## **Notify Me!**

Receive updates sent directly to your email or phone from the Town of Mammoth Lakes by subscribing to "Notify Me." Found on the left side of [www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us), stay current with Public Service Announcements, Emergency Alerts, Town e-News, Recreation This Week, No Burn Announcements, DNDP updates, bid postings, news flash, calendar items, and more! Make smart decisions, subscribe today!

## **Recreation Events & Activities in Town...**

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### **Tannenbaum Classic – Dec. 11**

The Tannenbaum Classic has been relocated to the Minaret Mile. The ski center at Tamarack will be open from 7:30-9:00 a.m. on the morning of December 11 for rentals for the race. The registration will take place at the Slopeside building adjacent to Broadway Express. The race begins at 10:00 a.m. with three age divisions (adults, juniors and little ones K-5) and registration fees are the same. Race starts approx. 200 yards from the beginning of the Minaret Mile on the flat section. Adults will do two laps, juniors will do one, and the little ones' course is currently being planned and determined. Entry forms are available at Tamarack XC Ski Center and [www.ESNSA.org](http://www.ESNSA.org).

### **MHS Basketball – Dec. 12**

Support the MHS Boys Basketball team on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. as they take on Big Pine at home. There is free admission for MHS students along with a contest at half time with a cash prize. Go Huskies!

## **Sports & Recreation Calendar**

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- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- Oct. 1: Ambush at the Lake Fall Fishing Derby begins at Convict Lake
- Oct. 24: 2011 Measure R Fall Award Application Period Opens
- Nov. 1: 'Hot Shots' Youth Basketball League Begins
- Dec. 8-18: Edison Theatre Presents "It's a Wonderful Life"
- Dec. 9: FREE skiing/riding at Mammoth Mountain – subscribe to MYMAMMOTH!
- Dec. 10/11: Clifford Mann Classic
- Dec. 10: Unbound Rail Jam
- Dec. 10: DSES Island Extravaganza
- Dec. 11: Tannenbaum Race 10km Classic
- Dec. 12: Skate & Get your photo taken with Santa at the Mammoth Ice Rink!
- Dec. 12: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mammoth Nordic Fall Fundraising Party
- Dec. 12: MHS Boys Basketball vs. Big Pine at home
- Dec. 12: LA Council 30th Ski, Ride and Race Camp at Mammoth
- Dec. 13: Measure R Applicant Presentations
- Dec. 15: Snowmobile Adventures Opening Day!
- Dec. 15: Mammoth Trails Meeting
- Dec. 17: High-Five Express Grand Opening
- Dec. 17: Night of Lights
- Dec. 17: Unbound Series - Slalom x2
- Dec. 17: Mammoth Concert Series - The Naked + The Famous

- Dec. 17: June Mountain Projected Opening Day
- Dec. 17: NASTAR Opens
- Dec. 17: Festive Holiday POPS
- Dec. 18: Kittredge Fun Cup
- Dec. 23: Woolly's Adventure Summit Opening Day
- Dec. 27: Kittredge Cup
- Dec. 31: Holiday Fireworks in the Village at Mammoth!
- Dec. 31: New Years 2012 at Canyon Lodge

## Public Service Announcements

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### Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Frequently Asked Questions

Some of the most frequently asked questions about legal rentals and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) are:

#### **1. What is a transient rental?**

A transient rental is any unit that is occupied for the purpose of sleeping, lodging, or similar reasons for a period of 30 consecutive days or less in exchange for a fee or similar consideration.

#### **2. Can I rent my unit as a transient rental?**

Only some zones within the Town of Mammoth Lakes permit transient rentals. The following zones permit transient rentals:

- RMF-2 (Residential Multi-family 2)
- CL (Commercial Lodging)
- CG Commercial General)
- R (Resort, including master plan areas)
- SP (Specific Plan, including North Village and Clearwater)

This list is intended as a guide only. Although the above zones permit transient use generally, other regulations, such as those found in master plans, CC&Rs, or project conditions of approval may prohibit transient rental within a particular development. Generally, transient rental of single family homes is prohibited. A zoning map can be found on the Town's website.

#### **3. What is transient occupancy tax (TOT)?**

Transient occupancy tax, or TOT, is a 13% tax that is charged "for the privilege of occupancy of any transient occupancy facility." The tax is required to be paid to the operator of the transient occupancy facility at the time the rent is paid. It is the operator's responsibility to remit the TOT to the Town.

#### **4. Do I need to pay TOT?**

If you are renting your unit as a transient rental, even if it is only for one weekend a year, you need to pay TOT. This includes single family homes and other units that are not permitted to rent nightly, but may be doing so illegally. TOT shall be remitted for each night the unit is rented.

**5. Do I need a business tax certificate?**

Yes, if you are renting your unit on a transient basis.

**6. Do I need a transient occupancy tax certificate?**

Yes. You are required to purchase a transient occupancy certificate for each rental unit to post in your transient rental property. This is included as part of Schedule E or F in the business tax certificate application.

**7. What is the difference between a business tax certificate and a transient occupancy tax certificate?**

Business tax is an annual tax and is required for all business activity. The transient occupancy tax certificate is a one-time purchase that is non-transferable. This certificate is required to be posted in your transient rental unit.

**8. Do I need a business tax certificate if all of my rentals are handled through a reservation company?**

If all of your rentals are handled through a reservation company, most reservation companies will purchase the transient occupancy tax certificate and collect and remit the TOT to the Town. You may wish to check with your reservation company to confirm that this is being taken care of. If you rent your unit by owner in addition to renting with a property management company, you are also required to obtain a separate business tax certificate and transient occupancy tax certificate.

**9. How do I apply for a business tax certificate?**

The Town's website contains information regarding business tax certificates, including an application for a business tax certificate: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=182>. Transient Rentals fall under schedule F for condominium rentals and schedule E for hotels, motels, lodges, and campgrounds. This application can be mailed back to the Town, or submitted in person. The total cost for one unit is \$118.00 (\$65.00 application fee, \$5.00 planning review fee, \$25.00 fee to rent one unit, \$23.00 TOT certificate fee). Additional costs apply for additional units. Business tax certificates are required on or before the first day business commences; penalties will apply for late filings. If you have additional questions regarding this process please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 x245.

**10. Do I have a business tax certificate?**

To find out if you have a valid business tax certificate on file, please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 x245 or your property management company.

**11. What is illegal rental activity?**

Illegal rental activity is any rental activity that is not consistent with the Town's Zoning Ordinance, or any rental activity that is not compliant with the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance. This can include transient rental of units located in zones that prohibit transient rentals. It can also include transient

rentals in a zone where it is permitted, but when the TOT is not remitted to the Town.

## **12. How can I report illegal rental activity?**

If you suspect illegal rental activity, you may submit an anonymous tip via the Town's TOT hotline at (760) 934-8989 x275 or on the Town's website via the Transient Occupancy Tax information page. Please include any information that you have that would substantiate the claim, along with the property address and owner's name if you have it. You may also email [tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us). Note that emails are not anonymous, however, staff will do its best to keep your information private.

## **13. Questions & Anonymous TOT Hotline**

If you have questions about TOT enforcement, or if you would like to report suspicious activity or rental advertisements please contact our anonymous hotline. The Town will follow-up on any reports submitted. The Hot Line Number is (760) 934-8989 ext. 275 or email your information to: [TOT@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:TOT@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us).

## **Help Keep Mammoth's Air Clean This Winter**

When the Town of Mammoth Lakes experiences periods of clear, cold, and calm weather with minimal breeze, the air quality deteriorates. Wood smoke from fireplaces and stoves cannot dissipate, and sometimes builds up to unhealthy levels that could have serious health consequences. To keep our air as clean as possible, please do your part by following these simple steps:

- Only burn clean and hot fires
- Check your chimney periodically for emissions (if smoke is clearly visible, then your fire needs more air, the wood is not dry enough, or the wood is not split small enough)
- Call (760) 934-1010 for any wood burning restrictions
- Abide by the "no wood burning" days restrictions

The Town of Mammoth Lakes continually monitors air quality, and will announce "no wood burning" days when air quality is forecast to approach unhealthy levels. To find out if wood burning restrictions have been announced, please call (760) 934-1010, listen to local radio announcements, or sign up for air quality notifications via the Town's Notify Me feature at <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/list.aspx>.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## **Register for CodeRED**

Residents of Mono County can register their cell phones to receive emergency CodeRED (reverse 911) alerts from Mono County. This is a county public service available to all Mono County residents so please tell your friends and neighbors in Mono County that they can register for this service. CodeRED announcements are for personal notification and will not replace CERT CAHAN notification. Here is how to sign register/sign up using the INTERNET:

1. Go to [monosheriff.org](http://monosheriff.org)
2. scroll down left side panel to CodeRED community notification system;
3. click on it and follow directions.

### **Mammoth Lakes Police Department is Looking for Reserve Police Officers**

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department is reactivating its Police Reserve Officer Program. Police Reserve Officers are part-time volunteers who supplement the full time officers. They can serve a variety of assignments including patrol, special events, prisoner transportation, and wildlife management. Police Chief Dan Watson reports that he and other Eastern Sierra law enforcement personnel have been working with Cerro Coso College to institute a Reserve Academy at the Bishop or Mammoth Lakes campus. In the meantime, the Mammoth Lakes Police Department is looking for any retired police officers who live in the general area who may be interested in joining the MLPD as a Reserve Officer. Anyone interested in learning more about the MLPD Police Reserve Program should contact Sergeant Marc Moscovitz at (760) 934-2011 ext. 68 or at [mmoscovitz@mammothlakespd.org](mailto:mmoscovitz@mammothlakespd.org).

### **New Non-Stop Winter Flights to Mammoth Lakes**

Beginning this winter, San Diego and Orange County residents will have easy access to world-class skiing and snowboarding thanks to [United Airlines'](#) new non-stop service to Mammoth Yosemite Airport. United is also expanding service from San Francisco International Airport to Mammoth Lakes with a second flight from Friday – Monday. The new flights will depart daily throughout the winter from San Diego and four days per week from Orange County (Friday - Monday). In addition, air service to and from San Francisco now includes additional Friday - Monday flight service to complement the daily flight service already in existence.

United Express regional partner SkyWest Airlines will operate the flights using 66-seat CRJ700 regional jets which include six first-class and 60 economy seats per plane. The first flights of the season are scheduled to depart Thursday, December 15, 2011 from San Francisco and San Diego and Friday, December 16, 2011 from Orange County. For more information about the new flights or to reserve a seat, call 1-800-UNITED1 or visit [www.united.com](http://www.united.com). For more information about Mammoth Mountain, visit [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com).

### **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 PD 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.

### **Carbon Monoxide Detectors Save Lives**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has launched a community outreach effort to inform community residents that on July 1, 2011 many homes will be required to install carbon monoxide detectors.

The Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that carbon monoxide kills approximately 500 people each year and injures another 20,000 people nationwide. In an effort to prevent these accidental deaths and injuries, the California legislature enacted SB 183 (Lowenthal) which mandates owners of dwelling intended for human occupancy to install carbon monoxide devices in existing dwelling units having a fossil fuel burning heater or appliance, fireplace, or attached garage.

CO devices must be installed in all specified single-family dwellings by July 1, 2011. All other specified dwelling units must have CO devices installed by January 1, 2013.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) has developed a list of certified CO devices that meet the requirement specified within the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2010.

For a complete list of currently approved devices please visit the SFM's website at [http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licenseslisting\\_bml\\_searchcotest.php](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licenseslisting_bml_searchcotest.php). Under the search categories provided select Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors for a complete list of devices.

Further details contained within the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2010:

- Owners shall install CO devices in a manner consistent with building standards applicable to new construction for the relevant type of occupancy if it is technically feasible. See the 2010 California Building Code, Section 420.4, and the 2010 California Residential Code, Section R315.
- CO devices shall produce a distinct audible alarm.
- CO devices may be combined with a smoke detector, if the combination device meets all specified SFM listing and approval requirements.
- Violation of Health & Safety Code Section 17926 is an infraction punishable by a maximum fine of two-hundred dollars for each offense.
- A local enforcement agency shall provide the property owner a 30-day notice to correct.
- Local jurisdictions are authorized to adopt ordinances requiring CO devices if the ordinance is consistent with the requirement of this bill.

For a full list of this legislation's stipulations please review the Department of Housing and Community Development's Information Bulletin 2011-01 at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/codes/shl/infobulls/IB2011-01.pdf>.

### **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).