



**Town of Mammoth Lakes**

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## Town News

### Town e-News – Week of May 6, 2013

#### News from the Town Manager

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##### Town Manager's Update: May 2, 2013

To the Town Council, Town staff, media and Mammoth Lakes residential and business community – below are highlights of noteworthy items from the past two weeks.

##### **May 2nd Town Council:**

- The 5:00pm portion of the meeting was dedicated to the **Fiscal Year 2013-14 baseline budget**. We are projecting a \$562K General Fund shortfall for the next year, and have proposed several options to bridge the gap. The Town Council will have several public meetings on the FY 2013-14 budget, including May 15 and June 5, and is expected to approve a balanced plan on June 19, 2013. Please see a copy of the May 1, 2013 budget report on this web page, where future budget reports will also be posted: <http://www.ci.mammothlakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=192>.
- A class of kindergarteners led us in the **pledge of allegiance**. We are proud to continue an important tradition of engaging the various community members in this important opening act of our Town Council meetings.
- There was plenty of discussion during the open forum about the need for additional **code enforcement**. Some planning commissioners spoke regarding the need to enforce business signs and banners, and at least once the importance of broader code enforcement was mentioned. Town staff believes that code enforcement must be enhanced in the Town, with an emphasis on health and safety issues, including risks posed by dilapidated, unmaintained properties. We are beginning to research creative ways to fund the effort, and will be having discussions with planning commissioners and, ultimately, the Town Council regarding our recommendations.
- John Urdi, the Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Tourism, provided an update on the **Tourism Improvement District**, which would generate over \$4 million annually for enhanced marketing and tourism promotion, through MLT. The Town Council will consider the resolution of intent for the district at their May 15, 2013 meeting. The Town will not be receiving funds from the district, but will collect and remit the assessments to MLT.
- Several people mentioned the **Mammoth Half Marathon** event that is coming to Mammoth Lakes. This exciting new offering may generate additional awareness of what our town offers, and result in an increased

visitorship. See much more on this coming soon from our Recreation Manager, Stu Brown.

- A number of recreation items were discussed, the most important ones being an **extension of the Measure U committee membership** from three to five; an establishment of a limited-duration task force to develop recommendations regarding **special event funding**; and the formation of a Mammoth Lakes Recreation Steering Committee to study the concept of **Mammoth Lakes Recreation** as a separate entity funded by Measures R and U.

**Other items:**

- **McFlex parcel exchange transaction:** On April 25th, the Town and the Hospital completed a transaction transferring the McFlex parcel from the Town to the Hospital, pursuant to the 2007 option agreement. The property lies south of the Tavern Road extension (south of the Courthouse) and east of Sierra Park Road and just north of the Hospital. The Hospital will pay a total of \$2.2 million the Town, with approximately \$1.3 million before June 30, 2013. Additional two annual payments will be made in FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15. These revenue amounts are already in the Town's FY 2012-13 budget, and in the five-year plan for the next two years.
- **Continued collaboration with schools:** The Town continues to meet with the Mono County and Mammoth Lakes schools' representatives to collaborate on the accomplishment of common goals. These include programming – starting with the coordination of this summer's activities – to capital facilities. We will keep you informed as details emerge from these discussions.
- **Celebration of the Town's Administrative Professionals:** April 24th was the National Administrative Professionals Day. We took time to say thank you to all administrative staff of the Town, who work hard, but often behind the scenes, to support the efforts of the rest of us.
- **Did You Bring Your Child to Work?** April 25th was the National Bring Your Child to Work Day. Several Town employees brought along their children, who happily engaged in role-playing at the Town Council dais, map-studying (and coloring), and other informative activities. The event was for a couple of hours at the end of the work day, but got a lot of people energized, adults included.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best - Marianna Marysheva-Martinez

**Mammoth Lakes Trail System Coordinating Committee Meeting – May 6**

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Trail System Coordinating Committee (MLTSCC) will be held on Monday, May 6, 2013 beginning at 1:30 p.m. in Suite Z. To review the meeting agenda please visit the following page: <http://ca-mammothlakes.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=462>

**Recreation Commission Meeting – May 7**

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Trails End Park. To review the

meeting agenda please visit the following page: <http://ca-mammothlakes.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=92>

### **Planning & Economic Development Commission Meeting – May 8**

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Suite Z. The Commission will be discussing the current sign code, special events, and code enforcement activities. To review the meeting agenda please visit the following page: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=90>.

### **Measure U Application Committee Meeting – May 14**

The regular meeting of the Measure U Application Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Suite Z. To review the meeting agenda please visit the following page: <http://ca-mammothlakes.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=462>

### **Town Council Meeting – May 15**

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a budget workshop. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

### **Notice of Vacancies - Town Of Mammoth Lakes Measure U Application Committee**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that two terms of office are open on the Measure U Application Committee due to the Town Council's decision to expand the Committee's membership. These terms of appointment expire on July 31, 2014.

The Measure U Application Committee is responsible for overseeing the Measure U application process, funding recommendations, and project oversight. The Committee meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Interested parties should file an application with the Town Clerk on or before **Friday, May 24, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.** Application forms may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Offices, Minaret Village Shopping Center; or by writing to P.O. Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, Attention: Town Clerk; or by phoning 934-8989, extension 267; or by visiting the Town's website at [www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us).

### **Celebrate The Opening Of The New Trails End Park Playground – May 7**

The new Trails End Park Playground will officially open to the public on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Celebrate the opening of this new public amenity with members of Town Council, Recreation Commission, the Town Manager, Town staff, and our special guests, the kids from the Mammoth Husky Club.

"Parks and Recreation makes lives and communities better now and in the future by providing outdoor space and facilities to play and exercise," stated Stuart Brown, Recreation Manager for the Town of Mammoth Lakes. "This new community amenity will enhance our quality of life by providing a safe place for our children and families to have fun and recreate together."

Phase I of the park was completed in November 2012 and included the installation of a playground, perimeter curb, a retaining seat-wall, access path and drinking fountain. Future components of the 5 acre parcel include: 3,000 sq. feet of artificial turf, seating, rock play structure, shade covers, expansion of the world renowned Volcom Brothers Skatepark - Little Brothers Skate Park, a water play area, quarter mile perimeter trail, and a picnic pavilion.

This project is the first phase of completion for Trails End Park and was 100 percent funded from Measure R. Approved by the voters of Mammoth Lakes in 2008, the ordinance imposed a Transactions and Use Tax in the amount of one-half percent for the purpose of funding Recreation, Trails and Parks.

Since the inception of Measure R, over \$3 Million dollars has been invested in recreation, parks and trails in Mammoth Lakes. Examples of recreation enhancements in Mammoth Lakes include: Phase 1 construction of the Whitmore Track & Sports Field, ADA lift, vacuum and pool covers for the Whitmore Pool, Nordic trail grooming, special event equipment, construction of a permanent slab and fence at the Mammoth Ice Rink, Biathlon rifles/mats and biathlon feasibility study and gymnastics equipment.

Trails End Park is the only fully planned park located entirely on Town owned property. The park has limited parking but there is access from the Town Loop multi-use path and is served by the Fixed Route Transit System.

For additional information on the Trails End Park Playground Ribbon Cutting on May 7, 2013, please contact Recreation Supervisor, John Connolly at (760) 934-8989 ext. 234.

### **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 Highway 203. Large numbers of deer are on the move at this time of year and they pose a real threat to motorists. Serious injuries or death can occur if you strike a deer at highway speeds. Evidence of multiple vehicle versus deer encounters is visible while traveling on Hwy 395.

The bears are also out of hibernation and are active in and around Mammoth Lakes. The public is cautioned against feeding bears. Well meaning people sometimes feel they are doing the right thing by putting food out for the bears. Just the opposite is true. When bears become reliant on food sources provided by humans, they stop looking for natural food sources and become problem bears. The Town's Wildlife Specialist, Steve Searles, and MLPD officers are trained and equip to condition bears to avoid human food sources. Their efforts are thwarted by people feeding bears, and that can end in tragic results for the bear.

Please help to keep our bear population healthy and safe. Enjoy their presence, but don't intentionally feed them, never leave food in a vehicle, and always lock or secure trash dumpsters.

### **Mammoth Lakes Police Station Gets New Sign**

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department has called the former retail store at 568 Old Mammoth Road home since the Department's creation in 1986. It's always had a sign identifying it as the "Police Department" but never which police department.

Several months ago, Dave Fultz, owner of Maverick Signs and Graphics, offered to donate a "Mammoth Lakes Police Department" sign and install it. The offer was readily accepted and Mr. Fultz installed the new sign on May 1 of this year.

Mammoth Lakes Police Chief Dan Watson said, "I've never seen a police station that wasn't properly identified by signage. I appreciate the generosity and community spirit of Dave Fultz. The new sign looks great and incorporates the script of the new Town logo."

### **Calls For Service/Officer Observations**

128, including 1 business/building check

### **Crime/Incident Reports**

15 reports, including 5 arrests

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

34 stops; 5 citations; 14 parking citations; 0 skate park citations; 0 collisions

### **Animal Control Incidents**

1 incident; 0 reports

### **Wildlife**

5 calls; 1 report

### **Projected Average Resort Occupancy**

Friday, May 3, 2013 - Saturday, May 4, 2013 = 22%

(21% same weekend in 2012, up 1% in 2013)

Sunday, May 5, 2013 - Thursday, May 9, 2013 = 13%

(13% same midweek in 2012, same in 2013)

Hotels/Motels/B&B: 29% (Friday-Saturday) 15% (Sunday-Thursday)

Condos: 16% (Friday-Saturday) 12% (Sunday-Thursday)

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## Community News

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### **Inyo National Forest Campgrounds Opening**

A light winter snowpack and warm spring weather means that many campgrounds in the Eastern Sierra will be open before the 2013 fishing opener weekend (Friday, April 26th), and many more Forest Service campgrounds are expected to be open before Memorial Day.

Inyo National Forest Campgrounds in the Mammoth Lakes and June Lake area expected to open by April 24th include Silver Lake, Oh! Ridge, June Lake, Gull Lake, New Shady Rest, Old Shady Rest, Sherwin Creek and Convict Lake Campgrounds. Further south, anglers will find that McGee, French Camp, Tuff, Forks, Bitterbrush, Four Jeffrey, Big Trees, Intake Two, Upper and Lower Sage Flat Campgrounds are open. Others currently open include Grandview Campground in the White Mountains, Lower Grays Meadow and Lone Pine Campground. Other campgrounds may also open in time for the weekend, depending on conditions.

Forest Service campgrounds can be reserved at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) For more information please go to the Inyo National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/inyo/recreation](http://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/inyo/recreation) or call the nearest Forest Service visitor center:

- [Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center](#) in Lee Vining; (760) 647-3044
- [Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center](#) in Mammoth Lakes; (760) 924-5500
- [White Mountain Ranger Station](#) in Bishop; (760) 873-2500
- [Interagency Visitor Center](#) in Lone Pine; (760) 876-6222

Many other camping opportunities exist in Bureau of Land Management campgrounds and various Inyo County, Mono County and private campgrounds in the Eastern Sierra.

### **Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre Presents Long Beach City College Studio Singers Farewell Tour - May 3**

Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre brings the Long Beach City College Singers back to Mammoth for one night only, on Friday, May 3 at 7:00 pm at Cerro Coso College. Tickets for the special event are \$10 each. The Studio Singers were created by Tom Dustman, Professor of Music at Long Beach City College (CA), to perform and record Jazz & Pop-Style vocal arrangements. This select company of highly-talented singers auditions each semester to participate in one of the country's premiere college singing groups. The Studio Singers are made up of musicians from all over the United States as well as many International students. In addition to their annual Spring Tour, they also perform at the "Holiday Concerts" in December and the "Spring Thing" in May. Sadly, this is the last year they will be touring.

"We are excited to host the Long Beach City College Studio Singers again this year in Mammoth as part of their Spring Tour and sad that this is the last time we'll be able to experience their enthusiasm and musicality," commented Shira Dubrovner, Artistic Director of the Mammoth Lakes Foundation. "Each time they appear here they tear down the house with their harmonies, rhythms, and unbridled enthusiasm. I was awestruck by the sound they create just using their voices!" Dubrovner prices admission to this exciting event at \$10 per person so as to ensure the widest possible audience can attend and enjoy the one-night only performance by the Studio Singers.

"Happily, this year we are hosting them at Cerro Coso College, so this farewell appearance can accommodate more people," added Dubrovner. "Supporting higher education and culture enrichment in the Eastern Sierra is the mission of the Mammoth Lakes Foundation, and this event does both by not only providing exposure to music, but demonstrating for our youth that higher education has its advantages." Songs to be performed at the concert include: Rhapsody In Blue, Tuxedo Junction, All The Cats Join In ; Skylark; The Lady is a Tramp; a Disco Fever Medley (Stayin' Alive, It's Raining Men, Turn The Beat Around, Walkin' On Sunshine); and Can't Buy Me Love, among others.

Tom Dustman, who created the choir and is a wonderful jazz musician in his own right, appearing as a member of "Beachfront Property," along with his wife Jennifer, is retiring at the end of this academic year after 40 years as a music teacher, first at Bellflower High School, then at Long beach City College. He will continue to travel and perform in Beachfront Property, but this is the last year he and his wonderful, amazing students will appear in Mammoth—so buy your tickets now for a concert that is sure to sell out!

### **Save The Date: May 18 is Town Clean Up Day!**

Take pride in your neighborhood and volunteer to help clean up our Town on Saturday, May 18, 2013. Drop off your trash, recycling and green waste at the TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY STATIONS conveniently located throughout town. These include locations at the MHS Parking Lot, Community Center, Sierra Valley Sites, Canyon Lodge and the Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station. Mammoth Creek Park will once again host the community picnic at 1:00 p.m., and be the HQ for Town Clean Up Day.

The Town will not be distributing or collecting complimentary orange trash bags. Please purchase your yard-waste bags from local businesses, including the Do-It Center (DIY) or High County Lumber/ACE Hardware. Please do not leave bags on the side of the road. These items will not be collected by Town staff or Mammoth Disposal.

The Town encourages property owners, renters, community groups, local non-profit organizations, and homeowner associations to purchase their own trash bags and pitch in to clean-up their neighborhood.

Town Clean-Up Day is proudly supported by the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mammoth Disposal, United States Forest Service, Mammoth Lakes Fire District, Sierra Conservation Project, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, and the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

Look for more information about Town Clean Up Day in our local papers, on the radio or at the Town offices located in the Minaret Village Mall above Giovanni's.

For additional information on Town Clean-Up Day, or to arrange for collection of abandoned vehicles, please contact Sr. Building Inspector Johnny Goetz at (760) 934-8989 ext. 244, or Recreation Department Supervisor John Connolly at (760) 934-8989 ext. 234.

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

## **Firewood Season Opens May 1**

Inyo National Forest announces the opening of personal use fuelwood season starting Wednesday May 1, 2013. Fuelwood permits will go on sale at Forest Service Ranger Stations and Visitor Centers in Bishop, Mammoth Lakes and Lee Vining beginning Saturday April 27. Maps showing areas open to cutting are available with the purchase of a fuelwood permit. Fuelwood permits are still \$15.00 per cord with a two cord minimum purchase. The Inyo NF is instituting the Point of Sale System (POSS). Permittees will now be able to use credit cards to purchase fuelwood permits.

The Forest Service is requesting persons interested in purchasing fuelwood permits to do so between the hours of 8:30-noon and 1:00-4:30. Fuelwood permits may be obtained at the following locations:

- Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center in Lee Vining; (760) 647-3044
- Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center in Mammoth Lakes; (760) 924-5500
- White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop; (760) 873-2500

Permits may not initially be available at the InterAgency Visitor Center in Lone Pine. Please call ahead at (760) 876-6222.

Initial supplies of firewood can be found at Antelope, Smoke, Dry Creek, Hartley, Oh Ridge and Reversed Peak Forest Management Areas located on the fuelwood map. Other areas may be opened later this season. Not all open areas may be snow-free at this time. Permittees are advised to check in with their local Forest Service Ranger Stations and Visitor Centers for current conditions and accessibility. The Inyo National Forest will again institute chainsaw shut down days for fire safety based upon the daily Project Activity Level. Permit holders can call (760) 873-2555 for information on activity levels.

The Fuelwood Strategy, developed with public participation in 1998, will continue to be implemented this year. Large ends of all downed logs (those portions greater than 30 inches in diameter) are required to remain on the forest floor for wildlife habitat and recycling of soil nutrients. The majority of funds collected from permit sales are directly returned to the Forest for continued implementation of this program. Comments on this strategy and the fuelwood program are always welcome. For further information on the fuelwood program, contact your local Ranger Station or Visitor Center.

## **Recreation Highlights**

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### **Little Sluggers Instructional T-Ball**

This is a great program designed to introduce your child to the wonderful sport of baseball. It will also provide a unique opportunity for parents to share quality time with their children while preparing them for future baseball and softball activities.

Count on plenty of socializing and fun at no extra charge. All parents are encouraged to help with their children. (Don't be shy just hop right in there) Registration Deadline is Friday, May 3, 2013.

- WHO: Youth ages 2-5
- TIME: Wednesdays, 5:15 – 6:00 p.m.

- DATES: May 8 - June 12, 2013
- WHERE: Mammoth Elementary School
- COST: \$30 (includes shirts)

### **Gymnastics/Tumbling Program**

**NEW SCHEDULE:** Last class for spring is May 17, 2013. Classes resume July 30, 2013.

This year-round program is designed to introduce children from 3-18 years old the wonderful and exciting sport of gymnastics. 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 programs are available:

- 3 yr. olds – Saturday: 8:30 – 9:15am
- 4-5 yr. olds – Saturday: 9:15 – 10:00am
- 5-8 yr. olds – Saturday: 10:00 – 11:00am
- 8-12+ yr. olds – **Friday:** 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & **Saturday:** 11:00am-12:15pm
- 8-12+ yr. olds – Tuesday: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Invitation only.

Five session Punch Cards are available for \$60 for the first family member and \$55 for each additional family member. Private lessons are available upon request, please inquire with the instructor. Drop-ins cost \$15 per session are welcome and encouraged - First one is FREE! Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to register your aspiring Gymnast!

### **Zumba Fitness**

Last day for Zumba is May 6, 2013.

Party yourself into shape with 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. Cost: 10 punch-\$77.50; 5 punch-\$42.50; Drop-In rate \$10 per class and your first class is only \$5!

## **Public Service Announcements**

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### **Town Recognized In Annual American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) Community Recycling Award**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes and its recycling partners were recently recognized as one of three finalists chosen by the judges in the 2013 American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) Community Recycling Award.

First launched in 2006, the annual AF&PA Recycling Awards recognize outstanding paper recycling programs. Each year, the AF&PA Recycling Awards recognize outstanding business, community and school paper recycling programs across the country. While the programs vary greatly in terms of geography and reach, they are reminders of the on-going commitment of the millions of Americans who recycle at home, work, and school every day. Winners receive bragging rights, a cash prize, and framed artwork, and local and national recognition for their recycling efforts.

"It is amazing that the Town of Mammoth Lakes finished in the top three in the entire country competing against large metropolitan areas as the award includes all communities in one category," said Johnny Goetz, Town of Mammoth Lakes Assistant Building Official & Solid Waste Coordinator. "This clearly reflects our efforts as a community, staff, and partners, which in my mind are "second to none" and clearly demonstrates that we can achieve whatever we set out to do."

Research conducted by the AF&PA found that in 2011, 66.8 percent of the paper consumed in the U.S. was recovered for recycling. This impressive amount is a result of industry leadership and the on-going commitment of Americans who recover their paper and paper-based packaging products at home, work, and school. In addition to establishing a new record-high, the rate makes significant progress toward achieving the industry's goal of exceeding 70 percent recovery, part of the Better Practices, Better Planet 2020 suite of sustainability goals.

Raffy Kouyoumdjian from CalRecycle applauded the Town with its recent recognition. "You made the final three. That is an accomplishment! I am glad that the association recognized the Town of Mammoth Lakes and your efforts."

To qualify for consideration in the 2013 AF&PA Community Recycling Award, the Town of Mammoth Lakes and its partners launched several community recycling programs specifically for the business, community and school categories.

#### **Business Category**

Mammoth Disposal, under franchise with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, built a new facility in 1994 to accommodate a larger volume of fiber from all categories. In 1995 a baler was added to increase weight to end customers, and by 2003 Mammoth Disposal added recycling dumpsters throughout the Town, targeting the larger retail customers. The partnership between the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mammoth Disposal, and Sierra Conservation Project delivered accessible and efficient community waste solutions for fiber recycling throughout Mammoth Lakes. Continued efforts have contributed to the recovery of corrugated and non-corrugated cardboard, newspaper, magazines, books, white ledger, office pack, mixed waste, shredded paper, training manuals, poly-coated board and waxed cardboard.

To accommodate the business community and the collection of large volumes of paper for recycling, 4-yard outdoor collection containers were strategically placed at larger venue business locations. Smaller rolling carts for paper collection were positioned at smaller business locations. Mammoth Hospital and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area are among the larger producers of paper materials.

The office paper recycling programs consist of over 30 participating office locations ranging in size from the larger Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County offices to smaller home business offices.

#### **School Category**

The Town is also very proud of the success of the paper recycling program within the Mammoth Unified School District. Every classroom has a paper collection container and each of the three school locations have centralized recycling collection. Educating our students about the importance of recycling is a key component for the Town in achieving long-term stewardship of our valuable resources.

#### **Community Category**

Another key element to the success of the recycling program is convenience. The Town of Mammoth Lakes' recycling program works hard to capture paper from public locations including residential curbside collection. Collection containers are located

at highly visited locations throughout town including the Mammoth Lakes Post Office, Mammoth Lakes Library and the Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station.

### **Community Awareness**

Awareness of these recycling programs for both our residents (8,023) and 1.5 million annual visitors is achieved by providing printed materials in English and Spanish that outline program guidelines and procedures. Large scale condominium rental units also receive magnets and fliers posted in the units and at recycling drop-off locations. Radio and email newsletter campaigns have been extremely successful in generating community involvement and participation.

### **Recycling Partners**

Mammoth Disposal (MD) plays a critical role in the success and sustainability of the paper recycling programs here in the Town of Mammoth Lakes. MD operates the facility where all collected paper is baled and stored before transport to market. MD also facilitates the public drop off portion of the program as well as loading and transporting material to market.

The program's cost-effectiveness is measured by monthly route and drop-off recycling tonnages and an annual analysis is conducted to determine waste characterization. Although end users are 5-hours away, Mammoth Disposal continues to ship these recyclables despite the considerable freight expense. The Town of Mammoth Lakes is committed to aggressively pursuing all recycling opportunities despite our geographic location. We employ every strategy to ensure fiber grades are maximized to ensure profitability.

Patrick J. Fenton, District Manager of Mammoth Disposal & Bishop Waste recognizes the significance of this national award. "Having participated in this competition in the past, for the Town to get as far as we did is a remarkable achievement. This national competition is very tough as so many communities want to show their commitment to the environment. I congratulate your Town staff on this achievement. Johnny's efforts in righting the ship have been exemplary. Well done!" Sierra Conservation Project Inc. (SCP) has been a major contributor to the growth and continued success of the paper recycling program in Mammoth Lakes. SCP has helped secure grant funds to purchase recycling containers and equipment to facilitate paper collection for recycling. They provide the weekly pickup of paper materials, educational materials and public outreach to ensure recycling programs work for each specific application.

Brian Robinette from SCP was excited to see that the combined efforts of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, SCP and MD are being recognized. "These recycling programs are a great example of the dedication and commitment not only by these organizations but by the community as a whole. Sierra Conservation Project has been working with Mammoth Disposal and the Town to expand recycling programs for the past 10 years. Recycling is an important issue with the members of our community and it is rewarding to see that we are gaining national recognition for our efforts."

For additional information about the nationally recognized Town of Mammoth Lakes' community recycling program, please contact Johnny Goetz, Town of Mammoth Lakes, Assistant Building Official & Solid Waste Coordinator at (760) 934-8989 ext. 244.

## **Town Amends Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code Regarding Woodstove Inserts**

On March 20, 2013, Town Council adopted a resolution amending the Town ordinance establishing standards for new and reconstructed woodstove inserts. Over the last several decades, large numbers of open fireplaces in town have been modified by the installation of woodstove inserts. However, neither the Town nor the fire district nor the woodstove insert manufacturers have had clear and consistent standard governing how the inserts must be installed. The result has been installations that have been demonstrated to be unsafe by a number of fires occurring around woodstove inserts in town.

The fire district and Town staff jointly developed installation standards for woodstove inserts, which are contained in the new ordinance. The ordinance also contains a list of approved woodstove insert manufacturers, but allows contractors and homeowners to request the building official to add other manufacturers.

The amended ordinance would require all new woodstove insert installations to meet the new standards. Recognizing that reconstruction of existing woodstove insert installations can cost several thousand dollars, the ordinance does not require immediate removal and reconstruction of existing inserts. Instead, the ordinance requires nonconforming inserts to be removed or reconstructed upon sale of the residential unit, or by October 31, 2022 if no sale of a particular unit has occurred before then.

Because the woodstove insert installation standards constitute a local amendment to the requirements of the California Mechanical Code, the ordinance includes the specific findings necessary for such local amendments. The findings acknowledge that the unique climatic, geological, and topographical conditions in Mammoth require these amendments. Please contact Town of Mammoth Lakes Senior Building Inspector, Johnny Goetz at (760) 934-8989 ext. 244 for additional information.

### **Mammoth Lakes Police Department Implementing Reserve & Volunteer Program**

In an effort to off-set some of the impact resulting from the loss of 7 sworn officers, the Mammoth Lakes Police Department has been moving forward on developing Reserve and Volunteer Programs, and evaluating various forms of technology to help make the MLPD more efficient and effective. The following are some of the programs the MLPD is moving forward on:

#### RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM

On February 6, the Town Council approved the establishment of pay scales for Reserve Officers. The pay will be:

- Level 1 Reserve - \$25/hour
- Level 2 Reserve - \$23/hour
- Level 3 Reserve - \$20/hour

Providing pay for Reserve Officers will make the MLPD competitive with other local agencies that have reserve programs and serve as a recruitment and retention tool.

Anyone interested in learning more about the MLPD Reserve Program should contact Sergeant Marc Moscovitz at (760) 934-2011

#### VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Many police departments benefit from active volunteer programs where trained volunteers assist police personnel by staffing front counters, completing reports, and providing community patrols. Retired Sergeant Karen Smart has agreed to manage the MLPD's volunteer program. At some time in the future, information will be released about the types of volunteer work available and the selection criteria. Anyone interested in volunteering with the MLPD should be on the look-out for a news release announcing the start of the program.

## TECHNOLOGY

The MLPD is moving forward with technological advances on several fronts. They include:

- An on-line reporting system where certain crimes can be reported on-line.
- An on-line crime and traffic report purchase program where victims of crimes and parties in traffic collisions can purchase copies of reports on-line.
- Access to surveillance cameras at the North Village.
- Surveillance cameras at the Volcom Brothers Skatepark.

The MLPD is also exploring other technology that will make the Police Department more effective in addressing crime, the fear of crime, and quality of life issues.

## **Boxer Applauds President Obama for Signing the 'Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act'**

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) today praised President Obama for signing her bill, the Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act, into law. This legislation will name a mountain peak in Mono County "Mt. Andrea Lawrence" in honor of the renowned conservationist, three-time Olympian and former member of the Mono County Board of Supervisors who passed away in 2009. The bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent, and passed the House on a 408 to seven vote.

"I am so pleased that President Obama signed this bill honoring the life and contributions of one of Mono County's most distinguished residents," Senator Boxer said. "Andrea Lawrence dedicated her life to protecting the treasures of the Eastern Sierra. Her passion and achievements were larger than life, which is why I cannot think of a more fitting tribute than to name this majestic peak in her honor."

Andrea Mead Lawrence was a three-time Olympian who remains the only American double Olympic gold medalist in alpine skiing. She was inducted into the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1958 at the age of 25, and in 2002, sports writer and documentary filmmaker Bud Greenspan called her "the greatest Winter Olympian of all time."

Lawrence was also a committed conservationist who worked to protect and restore Mammoth Lakes, Mono Lake, Bodie State Historic Park and other important natural and cultural resources of the Eastern Sierra. She served for 16 years on the Mono County Board of Supervisors as well as on the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District and in 2003 founded the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers to promote environmental protection and economic vitality in the region.

Peak 12,240, previously identified only by its elevation, is located in Mono County near the Tuolumne County border. It is on the border of the Ansel Adams Wilderness, just east of Yosemite National Park. The John Muir trail passes close to the peak.

Senator Boxer and Congressman Buck McKeon (R-Santa Clarita) – who sponsored identical House legislation – first introduced the legislation during the 111th Congress. Supporters of this bill include Andrea Lawrence’s family, the Mono County Board of Supervisors, the Wilderness Society, the Sierra Club, the Mono County Democratic Central Committee, the Mammoth Town Council, the Mono Lake Committee, the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers, the Sierra Nevada Alliance, the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Member Wendy Sugimura and former Mono County Supervisor Tim Alpers.

### **Free, Real-Time Property Information Now Available!**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County are proud to present ParcelViewer, the Town and County’s official web-based property information system. This free, public, on-line service can be relied upon to provide convenient, accurate and up-to-date information, based on the official Assessor’s data-base. Use ParcelViewer to view and print customized parcel information and maps, including:

- Zoning Information
- Property Addresses
- Complex Names/ Condo Unit Numbers
- Parcel Lines\*
- Valuation Data
- Acreage
- Aerial imagery of surrounding properties and more!

Visit Parcel Viewer today at <http://gis.mono.ca.gov/parcelviewer/>

### **California Mandates Recycling for Business and Multi-Family Residential Locations**

A new State of California Bill (AB 341) directed by CalRecycle mandating commercial recycling in California goes into effect July 1, 2012. The Town of Mammoth Lakes will be providing education and outreach to help the community comply with the new regulations.

The goal of AB 341 is to increase the statewide recycling rates to 75% by 2020. Starting July 1 2012, businesses and public entities that generate four cubic yards or more of waste per week, including multi-family units of five or more will be required to recycle. The purpose of this new law is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting commercial solid waste to recycling efforts while expanding opportunities for additional recycling services and recycling manufacturing facilities in California.

Please use the following link for additional information provided by CalRecycle that addresses the “Frequently Asked Questions:”  
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/Recycling/FAQ.htm>.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), Sierra Conservation Project (SCP) and Mammoth Disposal (MD) are taking active steps to assist businesses and multi-family residences to comply with the new regulations.

Brian Robinette, owner of Sierra Conservation Project commented, “This is a big step in the right direction for recycling and diverting recyclables from our local landfills. The new regulation will give the extra incentive needed to make recycling programs a reality at all Mammoth Lakes business and residential locations.”

The TOML, SCP and MD have been working together for several years to develop and grow recycling programs here in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Johnny Goetz, Town of Mammoth Lakes Senior Building Inspector states, "Now is a great time for local businesses to take advantage of the numerous recycling opportunities we have available in Town. Condominium complexes can also take advantage of the TOML and SCP's recycling programs which are currently providing start-up infrastructure to the complex at no cost - while supplies last."

The TOML and SCP have applied for additional grant money to continue to offset the start-up cost for multi-family and businesses here in town. Bear proof recycling containers are provided to participating condo complexes, and are serviced by SCP.

Pat Fenton, General Manager of Mammoth Disposal added, "Recycling is at the core of the company's goal of sustainability, and it's the core of our commitment to business owners and the Town of Mammoth Lakes to meet this mandate."

The following recycling programs are currently available within the Town of Mammoth Lakes:

- Commercial cardboard recycling
- Restaurant and bar programs
- Lodging and hospitality programs
- Business recycling
- Office recycling
- Residential recycling
- Aluminum, plastic, and glass
- E-Waste
- Used oil and batteries

Some of the benefits of recycling identified by CalRecycle are creating jobs in California, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, keeping valuable materials out of landfills, and creating a healthy environment for the community and future generations by recovering natural resources.

For more information regarding recycling programs and opportunities within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, contact Johnny Goetz at (760) 934-8989 ext. 244 or [jgoetz@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:jgoetz@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us).

## **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).

### **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.

## **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/licenselisting\\_bml\\_searchcotest.php](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licenselisting_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).