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## **Town News**

### **Town e-News: Week of October 27, 2014**

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

##### **Town Council Meeting – Nov. 5**

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2014 in Suite Z beginning at 6:00 p.m. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

##### **November Commission Meetings**

Nov. 12      Planning and Economic Development Commission, Suite Z, 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 18      Recreation Commission Meeting, Suite Z, 2:00 p.m.

##### **Donations Sought For Shop-With-A-Cop**

Members of the Mammoth Lakes Police Department, Mono County Sheriff's Office, Bishop Police Department, and Inyo County Sheriff's Office and other criminal justice agencies are busy planning the fourth annual Shop-with-a-Cop, scheduled for Saturday, December 13. This is a special day where local law enforcement helps families in the Eastern Sierra have a nice Christmas. Children from disadvantaged families are identified by the various departments. On Saturday morning, the children are picked up at their homes by the police officer "partner" and taken to breakfast. After breakfast, they respond code three (red lights and siren) from breakfast to K-Mart in Bishop where they are each provided with \$200 to shop for Christmas for their families. After shopping, volunteers wrap the gifts and the officers and their new partner travel home where an early Christmas celebration begins.

K-Mart has been very generous in providing additional gift cards and all the wrapping materials.

The goal is to provide Christmas for 50 families in the Eastern Sierra. That means \$10,000 must be raised. Various organizations and individuals have provided funds, more are needed. Anyone interested in making a donation may drop it off at either the Mammoth Lakes Police Department or Bishop Police Department. Checks should be made to MLPOA with "Shop-with-a-Cop" written in the "For" line.

And, if anyone is having a difficult time getting into the spirit of the holidays, drop by K-Mart around ten in the morning on December 13 and volunteer to wrap gifts. It's guaranteed you'll leave feeling much better about yourself!

##### **Town Channel 51 Has Moved!**

The Town's dedicated channel, TV 51 has moved to [Channel 18](#). The move was necessitated by Suddenlink and their local programming needs. TV Channel 18 will still continue to provide access



to all the Town's meetings with live and taped coverage of Town Council, and advisory body meetings such as the Planning and Economic Development Commission and Recreation Commission. For meeting dates and times, please visit: [www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov](http://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov).

## **Mammoth Lakes Police Department Weekly Report**

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

98, including 0 business/building checks

### **Crime/Incident Reports**

10 reports, including 2 arrests

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

28 stops; 1 citation; 0 parking citations; 0 skate park citations; 2 collisions

### **Animal Control Incidents**

2 incidents; 0 report

### **Wildlife**

4 calls; 2 reports

## **Projected Average Resort Occupancy**

Total Average Reported Projected Occupancies are as follows:

- Friday, October 24, 2014 = 27%
- Saturday, October 25, 2014 = 30%  
(22% same weekend in 2013, up in 2014)
- Sunday, October 26, 2014 = 16%
- Monday, October 27, 2014 = 13%
- Tuesday, October 28, 2014 = 14%
- Wednesday, October 29, 2014 = 12%
- Thursday, October 30, 2014 = 12%  
(15% same midweek in 2013, down in 2014)

Hotels/Motels/B&B:

- Friday-Saturday = 33%
- Sunday-Thursday = 16%

Condos:



- Friday-Saturday = 17%
- Sunday-Thursdays = 7%

Outlook for the following weekend:

Friday, October 31, 2014 = 20%

Saturday, November 1, 2014 = 23%

Please remember that the projected occupancy is calculated in order to assist the business community with staffing levels and product ordering. The actual occupancy percentages are reported from the lodging industry to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Finance Department.

## Community News

### **MMST Hires Ex-US Ski Team Coach Chip White**

Mammoth Mountain Ski and Snowboard Team (MMST) is pleased to announce the hiring of Chip White as Head Alpine Coach. Chip brings 18-years of World Cup and Olympic coaching experience with the US Ski Team and is a long-time member of the Mammoth Lakes community. He brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and creativity to the teams.

"When we learned that Chip was thinking of stepping away from the US Ski Team, we knew we had only one option; sign him before someone else does," said Pete Korfiatis, MMST Performance Director. "Chip brings an incredible amount of snow sport knowledge to our teams."

Chip will further develop the MMST speed program, implement new and creative training possibilities across all the alpine teams, and will aid in the development of terrain features and surface preparation for Mammoth's alpine racing venues. Additionally, Chip will act as MMST's training manager; taking the lead role in establishing a world class staff training program providing the necessary skillset to develop our young athletes to their ultimate potential.

"After 18 years on the road with Women's World Cup Downhill and Super G team, I have decided to spend more time at home in Mammoth Lakes where I have lived for the past 36 years," said White. "I am very excited to once again to be part of the Mammoth Mountain Ski and Snowboard Teams where coaching started for me in the early 80's. I have been traveling all over the world going to some of the most exotic ski resorts and Mammoth Mountain is still one of the best places in the world."

"Throughout Mammoth's partnership as an Official Training Grounds for the US Teams, I have come to know and respect Chip as one of the most passionate and motivated coaches I have ever met," said Mark Brownlie, Vice President Mountain Operations, Mammoth Mountain. "Chip's ability to provide an environment for athletic success is second to none, as the US Team's phenomenal results have shown. It gives me great pride to welcome Chip to our team, and continue the Mammoth tradition of having great coaches and world class training."

MMST continues its' reputation of being one of the premier snow sport programs worldwide. From Dave McCoy's era to the present, MMSST has produced world-class champions and has placed several athletes on US and International Teams. While having fun on and off the mountain, MMST athletes will achieve their goals and become lifelong participants in snow sports. For more information, visit: <http://www.mammothmountain.com/winter/ski-ride/ski-snowboard-team>

### *Chip White Notable Achievements:*

- 5 x Olympic Team Staff Member
- 11 x World Championship Staff Member
- 122 World Cup Podiums
- 6 World Cup Titles
- 6 Olympic Medals
- 3 x "International Coach of the Year"
- USOC "Coach of the Year" Nominee
- 18 years with US Women's Speed Team

### **MHS Homecoming Schedule of Events**

**Friday, Oct. 24: Homecoming Football Game** - The Mammoth Varsity Football team is playing Vasquez in a conference game - kick-off is at 7:00 p.m. At halftime our Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Court will be presented during our Homecoming half-time celebration. The MHS Boosters will also be drawing the 2014/15 Mammoth Mountain Season Pass, so purchase your Silver/Gold Membership or a Gym Banner and be entered to win!

**Saturday, Oct. 25: Homecoming Dance** - The Homecoming Dance in the MPR is scheduled from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All students must be in the dance by 9:15 p.m. and may not leave the dance until 11:00 p.m.

### **Lane Closure Report for the week of Oct. 26 – Nov. 1**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) would like to alert the traveling public to be careful of workers on the Highway, to Slow for the Cone Zone and Move Over where possible. The schedule of lane closures for the week of October 26th through November 1st, 2014 are as follows:

- Kern County – SR 178 – Ridgecrest from Norma St to Gemstone St. (PM 100.1 – 102.74) – Highway Construction – Median, #2 lane and Auxiliary Lane are closed.
- Kern County – SR 14 – 0.5 mile south of Rogers Rd. to 0.8 mile north of Red Rock (PM 35 – 38) – Utility Work - #2 lane & shoulder
- Inyo County – SR 168 – Wyman Creek Road to Oasis Road (PM 46.21 – 53.99) Crack Sealing Operation
- San Bernardino County – SR 178 – Randsburg Wash Road to Trona Road (PM 2.165 – 7.35) Crack Sealing Operation
- Mono County – US 395 – 1 mile north of Rock Creek Rd to Bald Mountain Road (PM 11.3 – 36.468) Paving Operations – Alternating lanes closed – watch for flaggers.

When approaching a lane closure the traveling public is advised to reduce their speed, observe all signs, and watch for personnel and equipment working on the highway.

For current road conditions check Caltrans QuickMap site at [quickmap.dot.ca.gov](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov)

### **Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative Invitation – Oct. 28**

In preparation for the next phase of the Inyo National Forest Management Plan Revision Process, the Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative (ESRC) is inviting recreation enthusiasts and regional stakeholders to participate in a series of public meetings scheduled for October and November 2014. MLTPA is proud to be serving as a non-profit sponsor for the public meetings, as well as an "ESRC Communicator" helping to get the word out and providing website services as well.



There will be a series of public meetings, all professionally facilitated, at the following dates, communities, and venues – mark your calendars and save these dates:

- Tuesday, Oct. 28 – Big Pine, California, Southern Gateway Communities at Big Pine Town Hall from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- Thursday, Oct. 30 – June Lake, California, Northern Gateway Communities at June Lake Community Center from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- Wednesday, Nov. 12 – Bishop, California, Drafting a Recreation Strategy at Cerro Coso Community College from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

For more information, please visit the [Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative web page](#).

These meetings will be open public forums – all are welcome – intended to provide diverse recreationists and stakeholders throughout the Eastern Sierra with an opportunity to collaboratively develop a regional voice representing the area’s recreation economy to help inform local, state and federal planning and policy efforts. The meetings will focus on identifying key recreation values in preparation for the anticipated November 2014 release of the preliminary alternatives for the Inyo National Forest’s Management Plan Revision process. The efforts of the ESRC are intended to support the Inyo National Forest as it makes its first revision to the Forest Management Plan since 1988.

### **MHS Winter Sports Meeting & Physicals – Oct. 29**

Parents and student-athletes wishing to participate in winter sports (nordic skiing, alpine, snowboard, soccer, basketball) should plan to attend the Mammoth High School Winter Sports Meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 in the MHS MPR at 6:00 p.m.

If students need a physical, they can be completed for a suggested \$20 donation to the MHS Boosters in the MHS Library on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Please visit [www.mhsboosters.org](http://www.mhsboosters.org) for more information, including a list of required forms.

### **“Sorry, Wrong Number” Performed Halloween Weekend Only – Oct. 31**

Edison Theatre presents a 1940s live radio show production of “Sorry, Wrong Number” on Friday, October 31st and Saturday November 1st at 7:00 pm, complete with sound effects produced before the audience’s very eyes. Directed by Juliana Olinka, the production features local actors playing multiple roles in the psychological thriller that was eventually turned into a film noir film. Also performed is “The Hitchhiker,” an American horror story that also was made into a film. “I wanted to direct something a little different, specifically for the Halloween weekend,” said Olinka. “Radio shows at one time were the only entertainment for a family--before TV and cell phones and the internet. So, you can come to the Edison Theatre and see a bit of history while we send chills up your spine.”

The audience enters a “radio station” just as they would back in the 1940s. The actors enter the “studio” and when the show goes “an air” they are directed to approach the microphone with their scripts in hand. The Sound Effects technician recreates the background sounds; producing everything from steps on a staircase, to telephones being dialed, to slurping coffee, as the actors create the various roles, changing their voices to fit each different character.

The talented cast includes Mammoth locals Mike Dostrow, Maureen McClain, and Jim Marcotte, as well as Alice Suszynski of June Lake, Tim Casey of Mono City, and Gary Walker and Su Yates of Bishop. The evening includes a few surprises, including some vintage radio spots.



Tickets are available online at EdisonTheatre.org for \$12 and \$10, and \$14 at the door. Additional information about the show and the entire Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre season can be found at [www.EdisonTheatre.org](http://www.EdisonTheatre.org).

**FACT SHEET:**

WHAT: Sorry, Wrong Number  
 WHEN: Fri. Oct. 31st and Sat. Nov. 1st at 7:00 p.m.  
 WHERE: Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre; 100 College Parkway  
 HOW MUCH: \$12/\$10 (\$14 at the door--no exceptions)  
 BUY TICKETS: [www.EdiosnTheatre.org](http://www.EdiosnTheatre.org)

**Chamber Music Unbound Presents "Fantasy Island" – Nov. 1**

On Saturday, November 1, 2014, from 7:30 p.m. at Cerro Coso College, Chamber Music Unbound presents the Felici Piano Trio and guest Andrew McIntosh, viola, in a concert entitled "Fantasy Island". With music by Mozart, Frank Bridge, and Brahms (the high-octane Piano Quartet in G Minor). Tickets (\$20 Adult, \$15 Senior, \$7 Student) are available online ([www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org](http://www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org)), at the Booky Joint, the Inyo Council for the Arts, or at the door on concert nights.

**Sierra Classic Theatre Murder Mystery Fundraising Dinner – Nov. 5**

Tickets are on sale for "Murder Gras: Foul Play at the Fundraiser." Enjoy dinner and entertainment, and support the Sierra Classic Theatre at their 16th Annual Murder Mystery Fundraising Dinner. Choose from four different restaurant options this year. Lakanuki is hosting on Wednesday, November 5th at 7pm. Call (760) 709-6756 to book their \$40 tickets. Lakefront is hosting on Sunday, November 9th at 5pm. Call (760) 934-2442 to book their \$70 tickets. Tom's Place is hosting on Wednesday, November 12th at 7pm. Call (760) 935-4239 to book their \$40 tickets. Brasserie is hosting on Friday and Saturday, November 14th and 15th at 7pm. Call (760) 934-4200 ext. 221 to book their \$60 tickets.

**Public Meetings Announced for Forest Plan Revision**

The U.S. Forest Service announces a series of public meetings for Forest Plan Revision for the Sierra, Sequoia and Inyo National Forests. The meetings are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

- 6:00-8:00pm - Monday, November 17, Sierra National Forest, Holiday Inn, 5090 East Clinton Way, Fresno, CA
- 6:00-8:00pm - Tuesday, November 18, Sequoia National Forest, Supervisor’s Office, 1839 South Newcomb Street, Porterville, CA
- 6:00-8:00pm - Thursday, November 20, Inyo National Forest, Tri-County Fairgrounds, Tallman Pavilion, Sierra Street & Fair Drive, Bishop, CA

These "open house" styled meetings are primarily informational to share the issues and concerns the agency heard during the recently completed scoping phase. The meetings are an opportunity for the public to hear discussion how those issues and concerns are being used to frame a preliminary range of alternatives. There is no formal comment period associated with these meetings. As always, the Forest Service welcomes opportunities for thoughtful dialogue.

In September, the Forest Service announced its intent to develop an environmental impact statement (EIS) that, when completed, will revise forest plans for the Inyo, Sequoia, and Sierra National Forests.



The Sierra, Sequoia and Inyo are three of eight national forests that were selected as “early adopters,” meaning they will be the first forests to revise their land management plans using the new 2012 National Forest System Planning Rule. The planning rule provides the framework for Forest Service land management plans across the nation.

The final EIS will result in three separate plans with three Records of Decision following the revised forest plans. Forest Supervisors will remain the “responsible official” for making decisions on their specific forest plans.

There will be an opportunity for formal comment when the draft EIS (DEIS) is released. The Forest Service expects to publish a “Notice of Availability of DEIS” in April 2015, which begins a 90-day public comment period.

Additional information regarding these forest plan revisions is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/r5earlyadopters>.

For forest-specific information, please contact that forest directly:

- Inyo NF: Deb Schweizer at 760-873-2427 or [debraaschweizer@fs.fed.us](mailto:debraaschweizer@fs.fed.us)
- Sequoia NF: Alicia Embrey at 559-784-1500 or [aliciamembrey@fs.fed.us](mailto:aliciamembrey@fs.fed.us)
- Sierra NF: Dirk Charley at 559-297-0706 x4805 or [dcharley@fs.fed.us](mailto:dcharley@fs.fed.us)

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance to participate in this meeting is needed, please contact the appropriate National Forest. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the Forest Service to make reasonable arrangements.

### **Time to Check Wood Burning Appliances**

With the change in the seasons, the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District would like to remind all users of wood burning appliances to make sure that your heating system is ready to keep you and your family warm this winter. There are numerous activities that one needs to perform on the system to give you heat and a winter free of problems. The National Fire Protection Association reports that a third of the people using wood type heating have never cleaned or inspected their chimneys or stovepipes, or knew that they needed to.

In addition, there are many who have never used wood as a source of heat or who are looking at ways to reduce their heating bills and have decided to add a wood heating source to cut costs. Many are turning to a wood type heating source and will be assuming that the wood heating system that is located in a rented apartment, condo, or house is ready for use. Now is the time to check all of the components of your heating system and to become familiar with how to use wood as a heating source. If you are not qualified to make this type of evaluation, refer to a specialist before use.

There are several simple steps that one can take to ensure that your system will be safe for use:

First, make sure that the device, be it a woodstove, fireplace, or pellet stove, is sound and in good working order. If you do not possess the skills to make this evaluation, refer to a specialist. Part of this evaluation must include an examination of the flue pipe (this includes pellet stove pipes) that exhausts the products of combustion to the outside air. Make sure that all components are sound, have adequate clearance, are clean of all combustible materials, and operational.

Make sure that you are inserting the proper fuel type for the burning device that you are using. The use of seasoned firewood in a fireplace or woodstove is important to keep the amount of creosote buildup to a minimum. Burning higher quality pellets will also result in less creosote buildup and less ash in a pellet stove. Burning a hot fire will decrease the buildup of creosote while emitting the least amount of the smoke. Also, use dry paper for fire starter and never burn glossy



colored paper or pressure treated wood. If using compressed logs, make sure that the manufacturer recommends that this type of fuel can be used in your appliance.

Dispose of the ashes in a proper fashion. Do not place hot ashes outside or in a dumpster. Obtain a metal can for placing hot ashes into and store the ashes inside until completely cold. Remember that a can of ashes can be cold on the surface, but still hot in the center. The quickest way to cool hot ashes is to mix water thoroughly with the ashes in the metal can and let stand for several hours. Then the ashes can be safely placed outside.

Do not store or place anything flammable within 18 inches of a fireplace or wood stove. Code requires that you have a non-combustible surface in front of the stove or fireplace that extends out 18 inches to the front of the unit. Be extra careful with hanging anything above a stove or fireplace.

Check the exterior of the structure to see that the exhaust pipe has 10 feet of clearance around the cap area from any tree limbs and make sure that all needles and dead branches resting on the roof are removed prior to starting your stove or fireplace.

If your unit has a wood burning insert placed inside a zero clearance fireplace box (original fireplace) with factory built metal flue pipes contained in a wooden chase, an evaluation of the concealed clearance to combustible materials needs to be performed. If this situation exists in your unit, per Town Ordinance 13-03, the owner has until October 31, 2022 or upon sale prior to that date, to comply with the conditions of the ordinance. For more information on this item, please contact the Fire Department to schedule an assessment.

If electric heat is being used, vacuum the unit to remove any dust accumulations before startup and ensure that all combustible materials are at least 3 feet from the heating unit at all times.

Remember most home heating fires can be prevented. The winter season results in an increase of structure fire activity and most of these fires are a result of improper heating uses. If you would like any additional information on these topics or anything else pertaining to your safety, please feel free to contact the Mammoth Lakes Fire Station at any time at (760) 934-2300.

### **Donations Sought For Family Of Motorcycle Crash Victim**

On Sunday, October 5, Rebecca (Becki) Dempsey was tragically killed in a motorcycle crash in Mammoth Lakes. Becki was visiting Mammoth Lakes from London, England on a work visa and scheduled to return home on October 13.

There have been some informal fund raising efforts to assist Becki's family with funeral arrangements. A secure fundraising site has been established in Becki's name by Sarah Gibbons, her friend and former roommate. Donations can be made by going to "Gofundme.com" and going to the link to "For the family of Becki Dempsey." Becki's mother, Karen Dempsey, has confirmed that this site was established to support Becki's family.

Karen said, "As you can imagine we had not planned for this to happen to someone so young. We have been overwhelmed by the support of her friends, Becki had only just graduated and most of our savings were spent funding that part of her education. Becki was liked by everyone she met. She was a very talented and positive person. Who, given the opportunity, would have had a bright future.

### **Mono County Public Health Announces Ebola Readiness**

Yesterday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that there is a confirmed case of Ebola Virus Disease (Ebola) in Texas. The Health Department would like to



reassure all residents of Mono County that there are no suspected cases of Ebola here in the county, or in the states of California and Nevada.

"We do not anticipate an outbreak of Ebola to occur here, however if a suspected case of Ebola should occur, the Public Health Department is prepared and equipped to swiftly respond," said Rick Johnson, M.D., MPH, Health Officer. "Public Health has been preparing for a possible case of Ebola."

As part of Public Health's readiness, the Department is taking the proactive steps of providing information about Ebola, its diagnosis, and the management of suspected cases to health care providers throughout the county. In the event of a single case or even multiple cases of illness, Public Health and its hospital partners have the ability to identify and diagnose any suspected Ebola case through public health laboratories, isolate any patient with a confirmed diagnosis, provide appropriate care with strict infection control, and work with those who have had contact with the patient. The hospital has the ability to provide a patient his or her own room and bathroom, and is able to isolate that patient and provide competent and complete medical care for Ebola. We are also linked with other referral centers that are equipped to handle transfers to referral centers out of our area.

"It is important to note that the risk of spreading Ebola is very low in the U.S. and in Mono County. Ebola patients can only spread the disease when they have symptoms, and a person 'catches' this illness only when they have direct contact with an infected person's body fluids. Avoiding direct contact with the patient and his or her fluids protects others from infection," said Dr. Johnson.

The CDC and Public Health will be working with the Mammoth Yosemite Airport to respond if an international traveler is suspected of having Ebola. People should avoid unnecessary travel to countries in West Africa that are currently affected by the Ebola outbreak. If you recently visited one of these countries and had contact with someone infected with Ebola, you should visit your doctor and discuss your travel history. If you visited one of these countries, but you did not have contact with anyone infected with Ebola, you should take your temperature twice a day. If you get a fever or other symptoms within 21 days of your return to the U.S., visit your doctor and discuss your travel history.

Public Health continues to monitor for any possible cases of Ebola, and we continue to work with our partners and health care providers to protect health, prevent disease, and promote the health and well-being of all residents of Mono County.

### **Firewood Available in the Reds Meadow Valley**

The Inyo National Forest announces the re-opening of Red Meadow Valley for personal-use fuelwood collection starting October 1st through the end of the 2014 personal use fuelwood season.

The Reds Meadow visitor fee will be waived for firewood collection with a valid 2014 personal use fuelwood cutting permit and tags during this period. Permittees will be required to check-in and check-out at the Minaret Vista during business hours to validate compliance with wood cutting regulations.

You must have a valid 2014 personal use fuelwood permit to collect dead and down material only. Permittees will be required to park along the shoulder of established roads during collecting activities, and will not be permitted to drive off-road for firewood retrieval.

Firewood gathering will be permitted throughout the valley except as follows: no firewood cutting will be allowed within Reds Meadow Resort & Pack Station, Agnew Meadow Pack Station, and Devils Postpile National Monument Boundaries. Fuelwood gathering from existing burn piles is prohibited. All other wood cutting regulations are in effect.

Fuelwood permits may be purchased at local Forest Service Ranger Stations and Visitor Centers. Fuelwood permits are \$15.00 per cord with a two cord minimum purchase. The Inyo National Forest will institute shut down days (for chainsaw use) based upon daily Project Activity Levels. Permit holders can call (760) 873-2555 for information on shut down days.

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
- InterAgency Visitor Center in Lone Pine (760) 876-6222.

### **Firewood Available near June Lake Starting in October**

The Inyo National Forest announces the re-opening of a personal-use fuelwood cutting area in the June Lake Loop beginning October 1st, 2014 through the end of the 2014 personal use fuelwood season.

This area is located on the north side of Hwy 158 opposite from the Fern Lake Trailhead. A valid 2014 personal-use fuelwood permit is required to collect downed material only. Permittees will be required to park along the shoulder of Hwy 158 during collecting activities, and will not be permitted to drive off-road for firewood retrieval.

All other wood cutting regulations are in effect. The public is asked to keep a safe distance from crews working in the area, and to avoid trespass on nearby private property. Maps of the collection area are available where permits are purchased.

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## **Recreation Department Highlights**

### **Haunted Rink Skate Party – Oct. 24**

The Haunted Rink Skate Party will take place on **Friday, October 24, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at the Mammoth RecZone. Set time aside now to bring the family to what is sure to be a great time. This year's festivities will include a few carnival games such as Tin-can Alley, Hit the Witch, Evil Clown Throw, Rat Head Lollipop Pull, and the famous Fairy and Dragon Realm. There will also be cakewalks and food vendors throughout the night so be sure to arrive in plenty of time to participate. Recreation has lots of fun prizes for everyone, so no one will leave empty handed. Admission is only \$5.00 per child (adults complimentary) and includes skate rentals while they last. Skateboards and scooters welcome! For more information please call the Recreation Department office at (760) 934-8989 x222.

### **Hot Shots Youth Basketball – 18 Years Running!**

Registration for our local youth basketball program for 3rd-5th grade girls and boys is now underway. Join Recreation staff on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for basketball instruction from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the MES gym, November 4 – January 29, 2015. Early bird cost is \$40 which includes one month of clinics followed by almost two months of league play. This is the best basketball program in Mammoth Lakes for your elementary school basketball enthusiast -- covering all the basic skills and preparing your child for middle school and high school basketball. For more info or to volunteer please call John Connolly at 760-934-8989 x234. Register online at [www.mammothrecreation.com](http://www.mammothrecreation.com).

### **Town Gymnastics/Tumbling Program Suspended**

The Gymnastics/Tumbling program at the Community Center offered by the Recreation Department will be on-hold until further notice. The last scheduled day is this Saturday, September 13, 2014. Please drop-by Saturday morning to wish Melissa all the best in her future endeavors. The Town would like to thank long-time gymnastics coach Melissa Perkins for her dedication and commitment to the program and for her passion to instill the life-long values of gymnastics to our local students. The Recreation Department is committed to continuing the program at the Community Center and hopes to contact you shortly with new program dates. Please contact the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for additional information.

### **Drop -in Adult Coed Dodgeball This Fall at The Reczone**

Drop-in Dodgeball is offered every Monday evening (weather permitting) at the Mammoth RecZone beginning at 5:30 p.m. Fee is only \$2.00/night. Bring your game!

### **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.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov](http://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov), 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.

## Upcoming & On-Going Events...

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- ON-GOING Drop-in Adult Coed Dodgeball at the Mammoth RecZone (Monday, 5:30 p.m.)
- Oct. 24 Halloween Skate Party at the Mammoth RecZone
- Nov. 28 Mammoth Ice Rink scheduled Opening Day
- Dec. 5 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

## **Public Service Announcements**

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### **Popular Woodstove Replacement Program Back For Limited Time**

In response to popular demand, Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes officials announce the return of the Woodstove Replacement Program for property owners who want to upgrade from wood-burning stoves and fireplaces to cleaner and more efficient heating systems.

Following an agreement in early 2014 between the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Air District Board-member agencies received settlement funds allocated on a per capita basis to pay for air pollution prevention programs across their districts. With several hundred thousand dollars between them, officials from the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County chose to spend their funds on reducing wood smoke emissions from wood-burning heating systems throughout the region.

Similar to the Air District's recent CAPP-funded woodstove replacement program, funding will be provided to local retailers who are contracted by qualified property owners to provide and install the new systems. Shared costs will be required from property owners, with amounts dependent on the new system and installation requirements.

To qualify for program participation, an existing wood-burning system (woodstove or open fireplace) must be a building's primary heat source, it must be located within Mammoth Lakes or Mono County, and it must fall under one of several qualifying categories:

1. Within Mammoth Lakes: For properties purchased in 1990 or earlier\* with owners who want to replace pre-1990 wood burning systems, \$1,500 may be available toward the cost of a new EPA Phase II wood-burning system, or \$2,000 toward a new EPA certified pellet stove or gas heating system. Documented proof of property purchase date is required.
2. Newly purchased properties within Mammoth Lakes: For properties required to replace an old, noncompliant wood-burning system by Town Code §8.30.050, and changed title within last few months, \$500 may be available toward a new pellet or gas heating system. Documented proof of property purchase date and submittal of building permit is required. New woodstoves are excluded from this offering.
3. Within Mono County, excluding Mammoth Lakes: For pre-1990 wood burning stoves and open fireplaces (not EPA compliant), \$1,500 may be available toward a new EPA Phase II wood-burning stove or fireplace, or \$2,000 toward a new pellet stove or gas system.
4. Within Mammoth Lakes and Mono County: For woodstoves currently being used which are newer than 1990 (EPA Phase I or II-certified stoves, excluding pellet stoves), \$2,000 may be available toward a new, cleaner-burning pellet stove or gas heating system. This amount applies to replacing post-1990 woodstoves with pellet or gas (propane or kerosene) systems only.

\*Mammoth Lakes properties that were purchased or changed ownership after 1990, and not upgraded to EPA certified heating systems (Phase I or Phase II) as required by Town Municipal Code 8.30, do not qualify for funding under this program.

All replaced stoves must also be freely relinquished to the retailer during new installation, and open fireplaces must be rendered inoperable.

This program is open to public participation through local participating retailers only on a 'first come, first served' basis until allocated funds are exhausted, and qualified payments for new systems will only be made to participating retailers.

All interested Mammoth Lakes and Mono County property owners are encouraged to immediately contact one of the participating retailers serving the area: Alpine Stove & Mercantile (760/934-4416); Angelo's Stove & Chimney (760/937-0860), Clean Sweep (760/934- 3453); High Country Lumber (760/924-2720); Manor True Value Hardware for Mono County only (760/873-3106), and Batchelder Enterprises for kerosene heating systems (760/873-3800).

For additional program information, please call (760) 914-0388 or email [ljm.isaacs@gmail.com](mailto:ljm.isaacs@gmail.com).

### **Fire Restrictions Lifted**

The Bishop Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management and the Inyo National Forest announced today that fire restrictions put into place for the Eastern Sierra on June 27, 2014 will be rescinded beginning Wednesday, October 1st, 2014. A campfire permit is still required for those camping outside of developed campgrounds and can be obtained at visitor centers or online at [www.PreventWildfireCA.org](http://www.PreventWildfireCA.org).

Recent seasonal changes in fuel moisture, combined with increased humidity, shorter days, and cooler night time temperatures have prompted the land management agencies to lift the fire restrictions put into place earlier this summer. Mike Beasley, Interagency Fire Management Officer for the Bishop Field Office and Inyo National Forest, urges the public to keep fire safety in mind to avoid resource and property damage. "While we are comfortable lifting the fire restrictions at this time, we urge the public to use common sense and exercise caution when recreating outdoors in order to decrease the chance of human-caused fires," said Beasley.

Important fire safety reminders for outdoor activities on public lands include:

- Prevent vehicle related fires by maintaining proper tire pressure, ensuring adequate tire tread, and checking your brakes for overheating. Avoid traveling or parking on brush or grass. Ensure chains are not dragging while towing.
- Use of exploding targets, including Binary Explosive Targets, while recreationally shooting is both a fire hazard and illegal. Use of tracer rounds while target shooting is also a fire hazard and illegal. The use of steel-core ammunition, although legal, can greatly increase the chance of a wildfire.
- Motorcycles, ATV's and chainsaws require an approved spark arrestor.
- Get your California Campfire Permit online at [www.PreventWildfireCA.org](http://www.PreventWildfireCA.org).

For further information please call Isabel Kusumoto, Interagency Fire Mitigation Specialist for the Bishop Field Office and Inyo National Forest, at (760) 872-5057.

*Help prevent wildfires.....One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire*

### **Cycling Etiquette and The New Three Feet For Safety Act**

The Town will be actively communicating proper cycling etiquette and the rules of the road to both motorists and cyclists when the new "Three Feet for Safety Act" goes into effect September 16, 2014.

Known as the "Three Feet for Safety Act," new state vehicle code section (21760) requires that a driver of a motor vehicle shall not overtake or pass a bicycle proceeding in the same direction on a highway at a distance of less than three feet between any part of the motor vehicle and any part of the bicycle or its operator.

Police Chief Dan Watson is urging all drivers in Mammoth Lakes to comply with the new law. "This law includes public streets and even if three feet is not possible, the motor vehicle must slow to a reasonable and prudent speed and only pass when no danger is present to the bicyclist. Failing to do so can incur a fine, regardless of a collision or not."

Chief Watson also urges all bicyclists to comply with the rules of the road, including stopping for stop signs and pedestrians, riding as far to the right as practicable, and riding in single file. Bicyclists are also encouraged to use the Town's extensive system of bike paths when possible. The Town will not be pursuing a local ordinance to implement the new law as the definition applied is very broad and includes all public streets. It should also be noted that currently the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code does not prohibit bikes on sidewalks.

Additional information about the "Three Feet for Safety Act," including violations; can be viewed online at: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/vctop/d11/vc21760.htm>.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) that details the factors behind traffic fatalities on our roads, in California (2011), the statewide percentage of bicyclist fatalities was 4.1% of all fatalities, which is nearly twice the national average of 2.1%.

FARS also identified that between 2009 and 2011, collisions between bicycles and motor vehicles are more likely to occur on local roadways than the State Highway System, and 85% of fatalities involving bicycles and 89% of severe injuries involving bicycles occurred on a local road compared to 57% of fatalities overall and 64% of severe injuries overall.

Supporting the passage of AB 1371 (Bradford) was the California Association of Bicycling Organizations (CABO). From the CABO President's point of view, "I support this bill because of my expectation, well hope, that incidences of antagonistic or clueless "buzz-backs"/scary close passing and hit from behind crashes will subside as people learn about the Three Feet for Safety Act."

Local cycling advocate and Eastside Velo (ESV) President John Armstrong hopes that someday a sign will be erected upon entering Mono County that says "We Respect People on Bikes."

ESV has over 200 active members who ride regularly throughout the Eastern Sierra. As an organization, they actively promote proper cycling etiquette and even have a short video on their website that promotes safe and responsible riding practices. Their Top 3 "Rules to Ride by..." are as follows:

1. Be courteous and share the road. Being courteous gains respect and helps make the roads safer for all cyclists.

2. Signal your intentions if you can safely do so. If you are turning, point in the direction you plan on going. If you are slowing, put your hand out behind you.
3. Be friendly. If someone is courteous to you and does the right thing, wave and smile. Everyone likes to be acknowledged for doing the right thing.

Please visit the ESV website ([www.eastsidevelo.org](http://www.eastsidevelo.org)) to review the complete list of "Rules to Ride by."

Armstrong hopes that common sense will prevail regarding the new "Three Feet for Safety Act," but understands that the best strategy for cyclist's safety is educating our motoring public.

"Many times on my bike I have been in a situation where a motorist does not slow down. The motorist powers onwards and forces a squeeze play with another vehicle and me, and guess who comes off the worst? Oftentimes I end up in the dirt or on the sidewalk."

To facilitate effective education, Armstrong recommends cyclists and motorists pick up a copy of the new "Quick Guide to Smart Cycling" distributed by the League of American Bicyclists that will be available locally this fall. This full-color, 24-page Quick Guide covers just about everything you need to know to ride a bike safely and confidently, providing an easy-to-understand resource that appeals to all demographics: prospective bicyclists, novice riders, and even seasoned pros.

To read the Smart Cycling Quick Guide online, visit this link: <http://bikeleague.org/quickguide>.

Mammoth Lakes Police Department Reserve Officer Mike Braun will be actively communicating proper cycling etiquette and the rules of the road to both motorists and cyclists within Mammoth Lakes this fall.

"Cyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers. They need to obey traffic signals and stop signs, and most importantly, need to ride with traffic, and use the rightmost lane headed in the direction they are going," stated Braun.

Officer Braun also encourages cyclists to be predictable by making their intentions clear to everyone on the road. "Signal turns and check behind you well before making a turn or changing lanes."

Above all, stay safe, stay visible and ride on the right!

For additional information regarding the new "Three Feet for Safety Act" and proper cycling etiquette, please call the Mammoth Lakes Police Department at (760) 934-2011 or contact Officer Braun at [mbraun@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov](mailto:mbraun@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov).

### **Sierra Conservation Project and Town of Mammoth Lakes Partner to Expand Condominium and Business Recycling Program**

The Sierra Conservation Project, Inc. (SCP) and Town of Mammoth Lakes are pleased to announce the expansion of the current condominium, commercial and recreational area recycling programs in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

"This long-standing and successful partnership between the Sierra Conservation Project and the Town enabled us to submit and receive a substantial \$108,000 CalRecycle grant to expand on-going recycling programs within the community that benefits our residents, visitors and wildlife," stated Peter Bernasconi, Acting Public Works Director for the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

The Sierra Conservation Project is working in partnership with the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to provide an additional 30 bear proof containers to the remaining Condominium complexes in town that currently don't have a recycling program in place. In addition, CalRecycle grant funds will enable SCP to upgrade all commercial bear proof containers at restaurants, bars and other business locations in town, including the enhancement and placement of recycling infrastructure in the Lakes Basin and at key park locations in Mammoth Lakes, such as the Whitmore Recreation Area and Shady Rest Park.

Recyclable materials make up a large percentage of the waste produced in our residential complexes and businesses," stated Brian Robinette, owner of SCP. "These community-based programs aim to divert recyclable materials from our local landfill, while also educate our residents and visitors on the need for convenient recycling programs. We are confident that by providing start-up infrastructure for these complexes and businesses it will help make program implementation affordable and reduce the environmental impacts of each resident and guest," said Robinette.

To register for the Condominium Recycling Program, please visit [www.recyclesierra.com](http://www.recyclesierra.com) or [www.Townofmammothlakes.ca.gov](http://www.Townofmammothlakes.ca.gov).

For additional information on the **Condominium and Business Recycling Program**, please contact Sierra Conservation Project at (760) 914 0115 or e-mail [Brian@recyclesierra.com](mailto:Brian@recyclesierra.com).

### **Would You Leave A Loaded Gun on the Floor?**

If you have children in your home, hopefully you would not! However, a new threat to the health of our children is emerging. These are e-liquids, sold legally in stores and online in small bottles that may be carelessly and casually left around the house, used for the regular re-filling of e-cigarettes.

The danger is from the nicotine content in these vials of "juice". Children can happen upon a vial and ingest it. These fluids come in flavors and bright colors that are attractive for kids – cotton candy, cherry, chocolate, and bubble gum among others. In addition, nicotine is absorbed through the skin, presenting a risk from a broken vial.

Electronic cigarettes, called e-cigarettes, are drug delivery devices originally designed to look like regular tobacco cigarettes. Now they are larger reusable gadgets that can be refilled with liquid, generally a mixture of nicotine, flavorings, and solvents. It is estimated that roughly four million Americans use these battery powered devices. They have been hailed by proponents as a way for addicted smokers to get their nicotine fix without sucking in the thousands of carcinogens found in traditional cigarettes.

However, the evidence of their effectiveness in assisting persons in weaning off their nicotine addiction is less than stellar. In addition, evidence is rapidly mounting that they are serving as a "gateway" for young teens into the world of nicotine addiction. A recent study found nearly 1.8 million youth had tried e-cigarettes, and the number of middle and high school e-smokers doubled in one year. No wonder the industry targets the young who will be potential customers for decades to come! Their goal – to have the number of e-smokers quadruple in the next few years.

So how bad is the risk of exposure? Nicotine is a naturally occurring powerful neurotoxin, and in its potent liquid form, can be ingested or absorbed through the skin. Tiny amounts can cause vomiting, seizures, and even death. A teaspoon of even the highly diluted liquid can kill a small child.

A dose of 50 to 60 milligrams (mg) is potentially fatal for an adult; a 30 pound child could die from 1.36 mg. A vial of e-juice as commonly sold in retail stores is 17 milliliters, and with a 2.4% concentration would have 408 mg of nicotine. This year it is estimated that 1 to 2 million LITERS of liquid will be sold, much of it on the Internet. A liter of 10% concentration costs about \$110, a gallon \$195, and one company even offers a 55 gallon drum!

Nationwide, reports of accidental poisonings linked to e-liquids in 2013 jumped 300% from 2012, and is on pace to double again this year. Most cases are under the age of 4. A shop owner says that "We tell them that this stuff is poisonous. We do everything we can to protect the consumers, but at the end of the day, you leave a loaded gun on the floor, and your child gets hold of it, it's not gonna be the gunmaker's responsibility." A CEO of e-cigarette franchises says "It's the wild, wild west right now." There is no FDA regulation so far. So at the moment, if you are a user, your child has to go no farther than your own home to find a lethal dose of poison. Be aware of the risks, and keep vials out of reach. You are responsible for the safety of your children.

### **Governor Brown Declares Drought State of Emergency**

With California facing water shortfalls in the driest year in recorded state history, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today proclaimed a State of Emergency and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for these drought conditions.

"We can't make it rain, but we can be much better prepared for the terrible consequences that California's drought now threatens, including dramatically less water for our farms and communities and increased fires in both urban and rural areas," said Governor Brown. "I've declared this emergency and I'm calling all Californians to conserve water in every way possible."

In the State of Emergency declaration, Governor Brown directed state officials to assist farmers and communities that are economically impacted by dry conditions and to ensure the state can respond if Californians face drinking water shortages. The Governor also directed state agencies to use less water and hire more firefighters and initiated a greatly expanded water conservation public awareness campaign (details at [saveourh2o.org](http://saveourh2o.org)).

In addition, the proclamation gives state water officials more flexibility to manage supply throughout California under drought conditions.

State water officials say that California's river and [reservoirs](#) are below their record lows. Manual and electronic readings record the snowpack's statewide water content at about 20 percent of normal average for this time of year.

The Governor's drought State of Emergency follows a series of actions the administration has taken to ensure that California is prepared for record dry conditions. In May 2013, Governor Brown issued an [Executive Order](#) to direct state water officials to expedite the review and processing of voluntary transfers of water and water rights. In December, the Governor formed a [Drought Task Force](#) to review expected water allocations, California's preparedness for water scarcity and whether conditions merit a drought declaration. Earlier this week, the Governor toured the Central Valley and spoke with growers and others impacted by California's record dry conditions.

### **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.

#### **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/>

## **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 ext. 273.

**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 ext. 273 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 ext. 275 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:

- Go to [monosheriff.org](http://monosheriff.org)
- Scroll down left side panel to CodeRED community notification system;
- Click on it and follow directions.

### **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).