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Town Announcements

What Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Means for Eastern Sierra Communities

On February 26, 2020, the California Department of Public Health confirmed that a California resident from Solano County was hospitalized with novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and likely caught the illness from someone in the community. At the time this information was released, this was the first person in the United States with confirmed COVID-19 infection who has not traveled outside the United States or had contact with known cases.

Most people who contract COVID-19, have mild disease. Severe illness seems uncommon in children, and no deaths have been reported in children under 9 years old. In some cases, the infection can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in older people with other health conditions. COVID-19 primarily causes respiratory symptoms, fever, cough and fatigue, and may progress to pneumonia. Cold symptoms such as runny nose and sore throat are uncommon with this coronavirus and usually indicate simple colds.

Health officials expect to see an increase in the number of people who catch the virus in community settings. It is time to think about ways to reduce chances of getting the virus and of spreading it to others. The COVID-19 virus spreads like the flu, mostly by inhaling the tiny droplets produced by coughing and sneezing in close quarters, and sometimes by getting virus on our hands and then touching our nose, eyes or mouth.

Scientists are working urgently to develop vaccines and anti-viral medications for this new virus, but it will be months or years before they are ready for use. Treatment for this disease, like many viral illnesses, is supportive. Most people who get sick will recover on their own. Patients who are severely ill may need to be hospitalized. Treatment is likely to change over time as we learn more about this new disease.

There are simple things everyone should do now at work, home, school, and in the community to reduce the spread of COVID-19, as well as flu and common colds:

- Wash your hands frequently using soap for at least 20 seconds and lathering your palms, fingers, fingertips, backs of your hands and under your nails.
- When no handwashing facilities are available, disinfect your hands with alcohol sanitizer (containing 60% or more alcohol).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Stay away from others when you are sick, particularly by staying home from work or school.

- Cover your mouth with tissue or your arm when coughing or sneezing (not your hand). If available, you may wear a surgical mask when you are sick to protect people around you.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Encourage employees and students to stay home from work or school when they are sick.
- Businesses can encourage sick customers and clients to complete business through phone, email, or other means which do not require face-to-face interactions when possible.
- Consider "social distancing" to reduce your interactions with other people, especially if you are older or have medical conditions such as heart or lung disease, diabetes or cancer, which increase the chance of severe illness if you are infected with the COVID-19 virus.
- If you are sick with fever and cough or shortness of breath, please let your doctor's office or hospital emergency room know of your symptoms before you come, so that precautions can be taken to reduce spreading it to other people. Similarly, if you need an ambulance, let the 911 dispatcher know that you have symptoms that might mean COVID-19.

Mono and Inyo County public health officials are and will continue to communicate with medical facilities, emergency personnel, schools, businesses and other community resources to provide guidance on COVID-19 and possible prevention measures that can be taken as the situation evolves.

For current and reliable information about COVID-19 go to the websites of the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC; www.cdc.gov), the California Department of Public Health (www.cdph.ca.gov) or the Mono County website: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/public-health/page/coronavirus-covid-19>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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760.924.1828

COVID-19 Community Meetings

The Mono County Health Department will host community meetings about the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic in several communities over the next few weeks. The purpose of these meetings is to provide community members with locally relevant information about the situation and to promote discussion. We will answer questions and hope to hear and understand community concerns.

We have no evidence at this time that COVID-19 is present in the Eastern Sierra and feel that the risk of public gatherings like this is low and outweighed by the potential benefits of keeping people informed. We are of course watching the situation closely and if we determine that there could be some risk from these community gatherings we may opt for other modes of communication.

Spanish language interpretation will be available at the Bridgeport and Mammoth meetings.

- **Wednesday March 11, 2020 @ Mammoth High School Cafeteria 6:00 – 7:00pm**
- **Wednesday March 18, 2020 @ Walker Senior Center 12:30 – 2:00pm**

- **Wednesday March 18, 2020 @ Memorial Hall in Bridgeport 3:00 – 4:00pm**
- **Thursday March 19, 2020 @ the Benton Community Center 5:30 – 6:30pm**

Testing for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Mono County Public Health Department is closely monitoring the risk of COVID-19 for the general public in the Eastern Sierra, which remains low. There are no cases of COVID-19 in either Mono or Inyo Counties. While the federal government has communicated that testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) is now available with a doctor's order, there continues to be limitations in the supply of test kits and laboratory capacity to run them.

At this time laboratory testing for the new coronavirus is available at some of California's public health labs but the number of tests that these labs can perform is still limited. Requests for testing have to be approved by the local public health department and we have to consider each request on a case-by-case basis with the requesting doctor or advanced practice practitioner. It is important to prioritize those who are more likely to have coronavirus infection and those who are sicker or at higher risk. There are no public health labs in the Eastern Sierra region, and any specimens collected locally would be sent to California state labs for testing. We expect the availability of lab testing to improve in the near future.

Commercial labs will soon be able to offer testing.

If you are concerned that you may be infected with COVID-19, please call your healthcare provider for guidance. For Mammoth Hospital and Clinics, please call the Emergency Department at (760) 924-4076. When you call, you will be given directions on where to go and what to do.

Parks and Recreation Department Establishes The Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund

In recognition and in memory of long-time Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commissioner Tony Colasardo, the Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Colasardo family, have established the *Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund*.



Tony Colasardo was a passionate advocate for inclusion and social equity and believed that every child regardless of income level, ability, race or gender should have access to the benefits of parks and recreation.

"We are honored and humbled to partner with the Colasardo family on this much needed and highly valued scholarship program that will enable any child to

participate in our many wonderful community recreation camps and programs,” stated Stuart Brown, Parks and Recreation Director.

The Colasardo family made the first donation to the scholarship fund on February 14 and encourages the community to embrace Tony’s passion for inclusion and social equity by donating to the fund. Details about the program and how to donate (online or check) can be found by visiting www.tonycolasardoscholarshipfund.com.

The *Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund* will provide full or partial scholarships, for youth (17 years of age or younger), to the many popular camps and recreation programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

The application period for the *Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund* opened on Monday, February 10 and will close on Friday, March 13 for youth camps and programs offered this summer by the Parks and Recreation Department. Any family who wish to apply are encouraged to call the Department at (760) 965-3690 or complete the application online at: www.tonycolasardoscholarshipfund.com. Scholarships will be awarded on Friday, March 20 prior to the official launch of summer at the 2020 Summer Recreation Expo at the Mammoth High School Gym on Tuesday, March 31.

For additional information about the *Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund*, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (760) 965-3690 or visit our website: www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or the dedicated scholarship program website: www.tonycolasardoscholarshipfund.com.

Winter Parking Restrictions in Effect

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department is reminding citizens that there is no street parking from November 1 through April 30. Vehicles found parked in violation of these ordinances are subject to receiving a parking citation and/or in some cases, vehicles may be impounded at the owner’s expense.

February 19, 2020 Town Council Highlights

- Town Council participated in a workshop regarding Town of Mammoth Lakes- Scenario Planning and Community/Destination Strategy Design presented by SMG Consulting. This workshop was the outcome of the joint discussion between the Council and Mammoth Lakes Tourism on the concept of over-tourism and destination management. Visitation in California and Mammoth Lakes has changed dramatically over the past decade. As the economy has continued to grow increasing both employment and wage growth more and more consumers are traveling to destinations. Combined with California’s explosive population growth (estimated at 40 Million and projected to grow to 46 million over the next fifteen years) the impact of visitation is affecting many destinations across the state. These impacts have ranged from overcrowding on peak visitation days and seasons to housing issues, employment and more.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has recognized the need to assess the future in an effort to more effectively plan for it. Scenario planning is a tool that can be used to consider how to think about what the future of the destination might be and how the Town can take appropriate steps to realize preferred outcomes. Issues related to visitation are being addressed by destinations across the state and beyond in many destination resort communities. Mammoth Lakes efforts would be part of this growing trend in managing peak and non-peak visitation.

Scenario planning provides a variety of benefits in building a community-wide vision, including:

- To help manage impacts of significant change in Mammoth Lakes.
- To develop a common framework with which to envision the future of Mammoth Lakes.
- To help manage uncertainty in the dynamics that impact the destination/community

Council directed staff to further refine and provide an action plan for Scenario 2 – “Destination Management.” This will be prepared by the consultant with coordination and participation from community stakeholders, including the Town’s NGO partners. The action plan will be presented to council at a future meeting.

- Town Council conducted a Public Hearing and approved by resolution the 2020/21 Parks and Recreation Department fee schedule amendments. The Parks and Recreation Department annually reviews and recommends appropriate fees for the many adult and youth summer camps/programs, including the establishment of fees for facility reservations.

These fees are presented to the Recreation Commission and Town Council for approval after an extensive and exhaustive analysis of the services, the costs reasonably borne of providing those services, the beneficiaries of those services, and the revenues produced by those paying fees and charges for special services. The Recreation Commission whose powers and duties as stated in section 2.40.040 of the Municipal Code, empower this advisory body to “Advise the town council and the town manager in all matters pertaining to all Town-owned or managed parks, recreation facilities, trails, special events and all other associated activities as prescribed by ordinance or by town council action.”

The Recreation Commission by motion accepted the 2020/21 fee schedule amendments on February 4, 2020. The fee schedule allows the Parks and Recreation Department to continue to provide affordable, high-quality recreation programming and facilities that greatly contribute to an enriched quality of life for our residents and the highest quality of experience for our visitors.

- Town Council authorized the professional services agreement with Placeworks, Inc., subject to the Town Attorney’s approval and finalization of the agreement, for preparation of the Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Assessment services. The Town was awarded a multi-year grant in the amount of \$618,750 from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. The grant is funding a variety of planning, public outreach and preliminary project identification work to enhance the region’s recreational amenities. The work program for climate adaptation and resilience assessment services was included as a grant deliverable.

On September 11, 2019, the Town Manager’s Office released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit qualified consultant firms to assist the Town with completing the Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Assessment services included as a part of the grant. All government funded consultant procurement processes must be conducted using a fair and competitive process. The Town received five proposals in response to the RFQ and two staff members conducted an independent, objective review of each. Proposals were rated based on responsiveness to the RFQ, including each firm’s applicable experience and qualifications of staff assigned to the project. Town staff contacted the top three ranked consultant firms to participate in a telephone interview. Town staff conducted interviews to gain a better understanding of the differences between

the top three proposals and the interviews gave staff confidence that the top ranked proposal merits award of the contract.

The draft contract is with Placeworks, Inc. Placeworks has proposed to manage two subconsultants including Atlas Planning Solutions and ICF to augment their in-house expertise.

- Town Council voted in support of SB 54 (Allen) and AB 1080 (Gonzalez) bills that direct the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to establish a comprehensive framework to address plastic pollution and waste.

SB 54 (Allen) and AB 1080 (Gonzalez) are identical bills that direct the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to establish a comprehensive framework to address plastic pollution and waste by:

- Adopting regulations by January 1, 2024 that require producers, which includes the people who manufacture single-use packaging or priority single-use products, to achieve a 75 percent reduction of waste generated from single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products in the California market by 2030.
- Single-use packaging means the packaging of a product when the packaging is routinely recycled, disposed of, or discarded after its contents have been used or unpackaged, and is typically not refilled.
- Priority single-use plastic products are defined as single-use food service ware, including plates, bowls, cups, utensils, stirrers, and straws.
- Requiring producers to source reduce single-use packaging and priority single-use products to the maximum extent feasible.
- Requiring producers to make single-use packaging and priority single-use products recyclable or compostable by 2030.
- Developing criteria, via an implementation plan with stakeholder input, to determine which packaging materials qualify to be labeled as recyclable or compostable. This implementation plan will also include the development of incentives and policies to encourage in-state manufacturing using recycled material generated in California as a way to shift towards a more circular economy

March 4, 2020 Town Council Highlights

- Rob Patterson, Administration and Finance Director introduced new Finance Analyst Shaun Troy to Town Council and the community.



- Chief Al Davis presented the "Chief's Award" to Investigators Chris Callinan and John Estridge of the Mono County District Attorney's Office for their Outstanding Investigative Work into the 2016 murder of a Mammoth Lakes resident.



On January 30, 2020, after a three-year investigation, the Mono County District Attorney's Office, with the assistance of the Mammoth Lakes Police Department, (MLPD) and the Mono County Sheriff's Department, (MCSO) arrested 28 year-old Josue Adalberto Corea-Vasquez of Mammoth Lakes for the 2016 murder of Mammoth Lakes resident Jose Omar Hernandez Sanchez, also known as Omar Hernandez. The District Attorney's Office wants to remind the community that while certain cases take time to solve and can grow "cold" over time, this Office along with our local law enforcement agencies, continues to actively investigate many of them, especially heinous crimes such as this one. The Office would not be able to successfully prosecute these crimes without the assistance of the public who bravely come forward with information.

- Town Council appointed Wes Davis, Elliott Brainard, Dan Polis and Jesse Baldwin to serve as members of the Building Advisory Committee/Board of Appeals, with terms expiring on April 1, 2024.
- Town Council authorized the Town Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA), which would allow CJPIA to update the current Town-side ADA Transition Plan through Disability Access Consultants (DAC) Consulting Firm, for a fee not to exceed \$51,900.
- Staff presented Town Council with General Plan Amendment 19-002 and Zoning Code Amendment 19-002 to adopt the Town Density Bonus Program Update. Town Council voted to:
 - Adopt a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, state of California, approving general plan amendment 19-002, modifying the land use and housing elements to implement the town density bonus program update (zoning code amendment 19-002);
 - Adopted a resolution making the required CEQA and Municipal Code findings and approving General Plan Amendment 19-002;
 - Waived the first reading and introduce by title only the attached ordinance making the required CEQA and Municipal Code findings and approving Zoning Code Amendment 19-002; and
 - Adopted a resolution approving the Town Density Bonus Program Policy.

- Staff presented Town Council with a Concept Review Application #CR 20-001 along with a presentation from staff and Beacon Mammoth, Inc. (the applicant) regarding a proposed development in The Village. "The Beacon: Residential Hotel and Spa" concept consists of the following:
 - Approximately 554 lodging rooms;
 - 14,000 sq. ft. of conference facilities;
 - An 11,000 sq. ft. full-service spa, pools & kid's club;
 - Approximately 34,000 sq. ft. of upscale food, beverage, and retail venues;
 - 6,000 sq. ft. of lobby lounge and executive lounge space;
 - At least 750 understructure parking spaces; and
 - Ample public plazas and paseos

After a presentation from the applicant and deliberation among Councilmembers, Town Council authorized staff to begin working with the applicant, through the development agreement application process, to create a development agreement with a tax sharing component for the proposed hotel project at the East Village site. Note that this meeting is intended only to give staff and the applicant a sense of the Council's willingness to proceed with an application for a development agreement with a tax sharing component, and does not represent a formal decision of any kind or a commitment by the Council to approve or deny a potential application. If a development agreement application is submitted, the applicant will be responsible for all associated costs, including consulting work and Town costs such as Town Attorney and staff time.

- Town Council adopted a resolution ratifying the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District ordinance adopting the 2019 Fire Code. On January 21, 2020 the Board of Commissioners of the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District reviewed and adopted the 2019 Fire Code including local amendments. The District ordinance will not be effective until it is ratified by the Town and filed with the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The Building Official has reviewed the Ordinance and is recommending that the Town Council ratifies the Ordinance.
- Staff presented Town Council with recommendations for a Local Tax Option for Housing Programs (Transient Occupancy Tax). The implementation of a dedicated tax for housing was one of the action items in the Community Housing Action Plan (CHAP). The CHAP noted various funding options for housing, such as a dedicated local tax; Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD); State, Federal, and private grants; short-term rental impact fees, and private donations/investments. The use of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue was discussed as a near term strategy. This included the discretionary allocation of up to 2% of the current 13% tax rate, a ballot initiative to mandate this amount be dedicated to housing, and a ballot initiative to increase TOT by 1% for housing. The CHAP tax discussion was presented in the context of overall housing needs and was not specific to any single project.

Town Council affirmed the following:

- a) Adequate information was provided by staff to proceed with a 1% increase in TOT for housing
- b) This will be a special tax dedicated to housing requiring two-thirds voter approval

- c) The tax will have no sunset date and continue unless repealed by the voters
 - d) The timing for the tax measure is the November 3, 2020 general election
 - e) The ballot language will be refined and approved by Town Council at a future meeting.
- Town Council adopted a resolution declaring the Council's intention to annex territories into Community Facilities District No. 2013-3 (Transit CFD) pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 and to levy a special tax in connection therewith, and setting the time and place for the public hearing on April 15, 2020. If the Council approves the Resolution of Intention attached hereto, the Council will then hold a public hearing on April 15, 2020 annexing the properties. Because it has received a petition, the Council is legally required to adopt a Resolution of Intention and to hold a public hearing at the date set by the Resolution of Intention. The Council must adopt a Resolution of Intention within 90 days of its receipt of the Developer's petition. After holding the hearing, the Council may decide whether or not it desires to adopt a resolution annexing properties into the Community Facilities District.
 - Town Council adopted a resolution declaring an emergency related to public safety power shutoff (PSPS) and waived bidding procedures related to the purchase and installation of emergency generators. Staff has purchased equipment with an automatic switch gear to power the following facilities:
 - Airport - inclusive of the runway, navigation aids and other instrumentation and administrative offices (tow generators).
 - TOML - all Town administrative offices including Suite Z
 - ESTA / Parks Maintenance building
 - Community Center (1000 Forest Trail)

The Town expects that a PSPS could be declared any time the conditions warrant. The low snow and dry conditions (fire index) increase the probability of an early fire season. Staff believes that action be taken immediately to allow for the installation of the emergency backup system. Staff has done the research and is putting forth a plan that will meet the needs of the community.

- Staff provided a detailed update of progress to date regarding the new Community Recreation Center at Mammoth Creek Park. Discussion items included:
 - Project Bid - opens March 6, closes April 10
 - Project Schedule
 - Planning Review - PEDC design review March 11
 - Facility Operations & Programming
 - Public Outreach
 - Mammoth Lakes Recreation Fundraising Plan



Town Meetings & Events

Town Council

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council has been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 18, 2020** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Suite Z. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Commission/Committee Meetings

- March 11 Planning and Economic Development Commission Mtg., Ste. Z, 1:00PM
- April 7 Recreation Commission Meeting, Ste. Z, 1:30PM

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Department Updates

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS...

The [Mammoth Ice Rink](#) is closed for the 2019/20 winter season. Thank you for skating with us and see you next year!

2020 Summer Recreation Expo

The 2020 Summer Recreation Expo is on Tuesday, March 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Mammoth High School Gym. Learn about new recreation opportunities for all ages, 1-100, including our new pre-registration program. Every participant will

receive one raffle ticket per entry with an option to purchase additional tickets with all proceeds benefiting the Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund. Over 35 confirmed vendors will be in attendance with fantastic prizes including free Parks and Recreation summer product, a free Mammoth Mountain Summer Camp, passes to Mammoth Yoga Festival, electric bike rentals and more!



New! Pre-Registration - Wednesday, April 1, 2020

In an effort to be fair and equitable to all children, the Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting pre-registration for youth programs only, where each child will be eligible to enroll in one summer product (excluding 3rd party camps and programs). These camps and products would include Wilderness Camp, Girl Power, Aquatics Camp, Wave Rave Skate Camp, swim lessons and more. This pre-registration will not include STEM Lego or soccer camps. Pre-registration will open on the registration website on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and remain open for 24 hours. More information coming soon!

Open Registration for Summer - Monday, April 6

All remaining spots after pre-registration will open for unlimited enrollment on Monday, April 6 at 8:00 am PST. Please make sure you have a waiver on file before enrolling. Register here.

Mono County Little League - Registration Open!

Registration for Mono County Little League today. Sibling discounts available. To register, or for more information, please visit: <http://mcll.teampages.com/organizations/20283/pages/177718>.

MAMMOTH LAKES POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

Public Comment Period for OHMVR Grant

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department is seeking public comments on a preliminary application to the State of California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMVR) Division for the 2020/2021 grant cycle. The public review and comment period for the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program begins Tuesday, March 3, 2020, and ends Monday, May 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

This grant application includes funding for vehicle and equipment purchases, safety gear and patrol coverage to launch Mammoth Lakes Police Department's first OHV program. The goal of the OHV program is to provide safety and education for both residents and visitors and to reduce intrusions into the wilderness and other protected areas. This will also allow MLPD to expand on existing partnerships with local Law Enforcement Agencies in OHV activities.

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department applied for this grant using the State of California's On-Line Grant Application (OLGA). After the public review and comment period of 60 days, the final application will be submitted by June 1, 2020. The public may view and comment by visiting the State Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program website at ohv.parks.ca.gov. The OHMVR Division's website provides detailed instructions for accessing the preliminary application and submitting comments. For more information or to provide feedback, please contact Lt. Eric Hugelman at 760-965-3706 or ehugelman@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

NEW CERT Academy!

New C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) Academy Forming! If you've been thinking about joining C.E.R.T., please join us at the upcoming Academy for three Saturdays in a row, May 2, 9 and 16 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Mammoth's Fire Station #1 on Main Street. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided all three days. Sign up now and learn how to be safe and help others in an emergency. The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using this training, CERT volunteers assist the town following an emergency or disaster. After joining, volunteers will participate in disaster exercises, and respond to disasters in coordination with MLPD, MLFD and Mono County Health Department. CERT is an all-volunteer group who assists first responders in time of disaster or community emergencies and also assists with traffic control for many holiday and special events. "Mammoth Lakes CERT: We are your friends. We are your neighbors. Please join us." CERT trains monthly to maintain their skills and involvement CERT training academies are held yearly. For information about the next academy, email: mammothcertinfo@gmail.com.

Congratulations to our Explorers

From Thursday, February 13 to Monday, February 17, 2020, six members of MLPD & MCSO's MLPD Explorers Post 7880 joined their peers from all over the State of California at the Explorer Academy, an abbreviated version of the Law Enforcement Academy. In all, 135 police explorers graduated from the Orange County Law Enforcement Winter 2020 Explorer Academy, Class 90. The Orange County Law Enforcement Explorer Advisor Association (OCLEEEAA) hosts the Academy twice a year and has been doing so for over 30 years. This academy is challenging, both mentally and physically. At the Academy, Explorers experienced physical training (including a dab of pepper spray on their eyes), drills and classroom instructions. Classes included ethics, traffic control, preparing for a career in Law Enforcement and numerous other topics. There were also demonstrations from the Bomb Squad, K-9 Teams, Chemical Agents, SWAT and Helicopter Ops. Attending and completing the academy builds confidence and perseverance in these law enforcement officers of the future. MLPD couldn't be prouder of our Department's six Explorers that graduated from this year's OCLEEEAA Explorer Academy. Explorer Cecena and Explorer German brought home two awards for their excellent work. For questions about the Explorer Program, please contact Officer Hansen at (760) 965-3703 or dhansen@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.



Congratulations to all of our Explorers and their Advisors for a job well done! Pictured left to right: Officer Hansen, Chief Davis, Explorers Rodriguez, Camargo, German, Morales, Explorer Sergeant Rya-Cruz, Explorers Cecena, Galvan, PSO Hansen and Officer Madera.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

Work for the Town of Mammoth Lakes

As we continue to grow and expand our workforce, the Town is pushing recruitment efforts with a number of exciting temporary and year-round employment opportunities! The Town of Mammoth Lakes knows our employees are our most valuable assets, which is why we strive to attract and retain the best talent. If you're committed to public service and you want to be part of the changing face of local government, apply now! Visit our [career portal](#) for more information.

Public Service Announcements

Leash Your Dog – It's The Law

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department would like to remind citizens that the Town of Mammoth Lakes has several ordinances to keep their animals and the public safe. The Mammoth Lakes Police Department has responded to an increasing number of dog-related incidents and may issue citations for dog owners in violation of the following ordinances:

MLMC: 6.12.010 License (Required) – *If you live within the Town of Mammoth Lakes limits the owner of any dog over the age of six months shall procure a town dog license and pay thereafter an annual license fee for each dog.*

MLMC: 6.12.210 Dog at large - *It is unlawful for any person owning, harboring, or having the care, custody or possession of any dog within the town limits of Mammoth Lakes to allow such dog to run at large. All such dogs shall be kept securely fastened by a chain, rope or leash unless securely confined within private property legally controlled by the person in possession of the dog. Further, any dog off the premises of its owner, or the person charged with the care, custody or possession of the dog, shall be presumed to be at large unless it is securely fastened to a rope, chain or*

leash not exceeding six feet in length and is under the immediate physical control of a competent person.

Pet ownership comes with the responsibility of humane care and management of their animal, along with a legal obligation as well. A dog owner is liable for a victim's injuries if their dog bites and injures the victim. These ordinances also apply at Town parks and facilities. Additional ordinances regulating the responsibilities of pet owners can be found in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code (https://library.municode.com/ca/mammoth_lakes /codes/code_of_ordinances).

When To Make A Bear Call

DO NOT CALL:

- Bear walking through your property or neighborhood
- Bear in a tree

OPTIONAL NON-EMERGENCY - call Wildlife Expert Steve Searles at (760) 934-2327:

- Bear on porch or deck
- Bear in unoccupied vehicle
- Bear making regular visits to property or under deck or house

EMERGENCY - CALL 911:

- Bear inside any building or home
- Bear seen trying to open window or door of occupied dwelling
- Bear in confined space with human beings
- Bear apparently confronting human beings

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Frequently Asked Questions

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Do I need a business tax certificate?

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Note that emails are not anonymous, however, staff will do its best to keep your information private.

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.

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
- Scroll down left side panel to CodeRED community notification system;
- Click on it and follow directions.

Town Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

In 2003, the Town adopted Exterior Lighting Ordinance 17.36.030 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.