



Town of Mammoth Lakes

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Town News

Week of June 27, 2011

News from the Town Manager

Town Council Meeting– July 6

The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in Suite Z in the Minaret Village Mall. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Time to Renew Dog Licenses

Town of Mammoth Lakes dog licenses expire on June 30. Tags for the 2011-12 license year are now available at the Police Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please bring proof of a current rabies vaccination (shot must be effective through May 2012) and a veterinarian certificate of spay/neuter if the animal is fixed. Cost is \$13 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$30 if unaltered. License fees may be paid by cash, check, or debit/credit card. State law and Town ordinance require all dogs four months old or older have a current rabies shot and a Town license. Licenses renewed after August 1 are subject to a \$5 late fee.

Motorists Urged to Use Caution – The Deer are Migrating in Full Force

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department would like to caution motorists to be extra alert for migrating deer on Highway 395 and State Route 203. Slow down, especially at daylight and dusk. Large numbers of deer are on the move at this time of year and they pose a real threat to motorists.

Calls for Service/Officer Observations

163, including 1 business/building check

Crime/Incident Reports

24 reports, including 5 arrests

Traffic Stops/Citations/Traffic Collisions

39 stops; 8 citations; 1 parking citation; 0 skate park citations; 4 collisions

Animal Control Incidents

3 incidents; 0 reports

Wildlife Calls/Reports

2 calls; 1 report

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, June 24 - Saturday, June 25 = 49%
Sunday, June 26 - Thursday, June 30 = 37%

Twitter

Follow 'TownofMammoth' daily on Twitter at www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us.

Community Development

Public Art Plan

On June 15th the Town Council voted 5-0 to approve the Public Art Plan as recommended by the Public Arts Commission. Special thanks to the Commission for their hard work and their on-time completion of this work program item.

Planning Commission Meeting Update – June 22

The June 22nd Planning Commission included the following items:

- Zoning Code Update – Water Efficient Landscape Regulations. Staff contact: Senior Planner Sandra Moberly - (760) 934-8989 Extension 251.
- Zoning Code Update - Establishment of Zoning Districts, Adoption of Zoning Map. Staff contact: Senior Planner Sandra Moberly - (760) 934-8989 Extension 251.
- Zoning Code Update – Parking. Staff contact: Transportation Planner Jessica Morriss - (760) 934-8989 Extension 225.
- Zoning Code Update –Housing & Affordable Housing Density Bonus Incentives. Staff contact: Senior Planner Ellen Clark - (760) 934-8989 Extension 269.

Zoning Code Update

The Zoning Code Users Group and Planning Commission have been working hard on the draft chapters of the Zoning Code. The Commercial Districts Chapters (June 29th Planning Commission), Building Height (July 6th joint Town Council and Planning Commission meeting), Community Benefits and Incentives Chapter (July 27th Planning Commission meeting) and the Definitions Chapter are remaining. All other chapters have been drafted and the Planning Commission will complete their review of the chapters on June 29th.

The next step will be to assemble the public review draft for the public to review during the summer and to begin the CEQA process. Staff anticipates that the CEQA process will be complete by the end of this year and the Zoning Code Update will be adopted in early 2012. Please visit our website where you can view all of the Zoning Code Update chapters: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=384>

If you would like to meet with us, or if you have questions, please contact Senior Planner Sandra Moberly at (760) 934-8989 Extension 251.

Mammoth View

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

Planning Application Updates

1. ADR 10-001 (amendment) – request to amend approved colors to repaint the Snowbird Condominiums.
2. SP 11-00006 – Sign application for Verizon Wireless at 126 Old Mammoth Road #109.

Community News

Reds Meadow Road to Open June 29

A record snowfall and resulting damage has delayed the opening of the Reds Meadow Road to Wednesday, June 29, 2011. The target date of June 24 was not met due to the time required to remove hazards and debris, and to make repairs along the roadway as a result of winter avalanches and harsh conditions. The road, with access to the Devils Postpile National Monument, will open at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday June 29, 2011 with shuttle bus services beginning immediately.

Mandatory shuttle service will commence on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, and operate through Wednesday, September 7, 2011. Shuttles will depart from the base of the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area Main Lodge "Adventure Center" every 15-20 minutes during peak times (10:00am - 4:00pm) and 45 minutes during off-peak times (7:30am - 9:45am; 4:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.). The first shuttle will depart the Adventure Center daily at 7:30 a.m. Shuttles depart from The Village at Mammoth Lakes daily at 7:15, 8:00, 8:45, 9:15, and then every 30 minutes or less from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Motorists traveling as exception vehicles are urged to use caution, drive slowly, and watch for wildlife!

The snowpack in the valley is variable and is preventing the opening of several campgrounds and trails. Facilities that will be open on June 29th include Reds Meadow Resort, Devils Postpile National Monument (including trails to the Postpile and Rainbow Falls), and Reds Meadow Campground. Devils Postpile Campground will open on Friday, July 1, 2011 but may have snow patches. Additional facilities, campgrounds and trails should open before the July 4th holiday weekend, depending on weather conditions.

Backcountry travelers must take extra precautions and understand the many hazards that exist with the late spring conditions. Stream crossings are deep, swift, and dangerous. Many trails are covered with deep snow and large drifts. Passes are covered in snow and ice. Most lakes above 9000 feet are covered with snow and ice and unsafe for travel. Snow-free hiking opportunities are limited above 8500 feet.

For information on the road opening and shuttle fees, or if planning a trip to the Red Meadow Valley, please contact the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center at (760) 924-5500 extension 0, or visit www.fs.usda.gov/r5/inyo or www.twitter.com/mammothinfo.

Town of Mammoth Lakes 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will be hosting the annual Fireworks Spectacular at Crowley Lake on Monday, July 4, 2011. This year's fireworks show promises to be a bright and striking display of color in the spectacular Eastern Sierra night sky. High Definition Fireworks are set to go off at approximately 9:15 p.m., weather permitting and are scheduled for 20 minutes. Music coordinated with the show will be broadcast live on KMMT / 106.5.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes would like to recognize Rick Elkus and his "Lucky Duck Group" as a special sponsor this year with their generous contribution to the 4th of July fireworks display.

Prior to the fireworks show, Hot Chicks Rotisserie will be serving tasty BBQ meals and beverages from the Mammoth Brewing Company. The Crowley Lake Fish Camp convenience store will be open until 7:00 p.m. selling soda, ice cream, and snack items. Crowley Lake Fish Camp will also be providing free entertainment from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., featuring "Milo & Chris" of "The Akoustik 2." Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and family to enjoy the festive entertainment. Admission to the 4th of July Fireworks Show is \$25.00 per car, RV, or truck, and \$5.00 per individual/bike (walking/riding).

Camp permitting for the 4th of July holiday weekend begins Friday, July 1, 2011. The entire lake shore at the South Landing of Crowley Lake is open for camping, and the fee is \$100 per vehicle Friday through Tuesday, including the fireworks show. The North Landing/North Shore of Crowley Lake will be closed beginning 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29, thru 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

To ensure a safe holiday experience for everyone, please observe the following:

- No personal fireworks are permitted within Mono County. Be smart; leave the fireworks to the professionals!
- Please obey road closure and no parking signs. No parking will be allowed along Highway 395 or Crowley Lake Drive at any time. Do not park in fire lanes.
- The Mono County Sheriff's Department will be patrolling on Crowley Lake. Do not boat within 100 yards of the fireworks detonation site at Hilton Bay.
- Help us keep Mono County clean. Please use designated trash facilities.
- Do not drink and drive. Please use a designated driver or plan to camp at Crowley Lake Fish Camp.

Please enjoy our national holiday in a safe and responsible manner. For more information, please contact the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222, or www.townofmammothlakes.com.

Blue Sky Food & Wine Seminars

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

Devils Postpile Announces Centennial Celebration and Events Schedule

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

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

Recreation Highlights

Mammoth Mountain Bike Park Now Open

The legendary Mammoth Mountain Bike Park opened today, Friday, June 24, 2011 with Early Bird Bike Park Shuttle Service and unlimited shuttle rides and lower mountain Bike Park access including: Uptown/Downtown, Big Ring, Shotgun and Lower Bullet for just \$29 for Adults and \$15 for Children. Visit www.mammothmountain.com for all the details.

U.K. International Soccer Camp Kicks Off June 27

Select from TWO world class camps this summer! The first 5-day camp kicks off on Monday, June 27, 2011. Professional British soccer coaches will once again host these popular camps. Coaches provide a safe, educational and FUN program for all.

Each camp offers full-day and half-day options. The program is offered to all players within the community and is split into the following levels:

- Fun in the Sun (4-6 years): Fun, exciting games to build confidence and teach fundamentals.
- Skills 'N' Thrills (7-10 years): Technical development and skill building in a stimulating environment.
- Compete with your Feet (11-16 years): Challenging game related situations to enhance technical and tactical knowledge.

Each day include individual footskills, small side games, coached scrimmages and a daily tournament. There is an awards ceremony at the end of the camp week for family members to come and watch the players receive their awards, as well as the important World Cup Finals! Camp Fee includes: A UK International Soccer camp T-shirt, player of the week awards, World Cup prizes and an individual evaluation certificate. Call the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 to register.

Mammoth Lakes Farmers Market

Farmers Market is back in Mammoth every Wednesday between 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. until the end of summer. Grab your re-usable shopping bag and get over to the Luxury Outlet Mall on Main Street for some home grown produce, arts & crafts, entertainment and more. For vendor information contact: info@greenfoxevents.com, (760) 709-6744 or Facebook us.

Sierra Club, Range of Light Activities

- Sierra Club evening hikes every Wednesday. See <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/>
- Sierra Club Outings every Sunday. See <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/>
- Sierra Club Social and Program: Tuesday July 19, Hayden Cabin Museum BBQ.
- Go to <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/> for details.
- Sierra Club Hike with Birders Steve Brad & Ken Wells, Saturday July 30. <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/>

Mammoth Mud Run

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

Mammoth AYSO Registration

Register your player or yourself as a volunteer parent, coach or referee by June 30, 2011. Registration & volunteer forms are available at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department Office (above Giovanni's) Monday - Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A player will be guaranteed placement on a team if registered prior to July 1, 2011. After July 1, and before August 1, 2011 players are requested to complete forms, submit late payment fees of \$10/player and wait to be placed – space available – on a team.

The current player fees are \$60 per child or \$50 / \$40 for second or third child (please bring birth certificates for new players). Fees include new uniform, team photo, great coaching, tournaments and awards! Age Divisions: U5 Coed / U6 Coed / U8 / U10 / U12 / U15 & U19. For complete registration information, call (760) 709-2481, email: Mammothayso@gmail.com or visit www.Mammothayso.com.

ON-GOING RECREATION PROGRAMS...

Sharpen Up Your Stroke at the Community Center Tennis Courts

Tennis lessons are now being offered by USPTA Tennis Professional Tom Sherry at the Community Center Tennis Courts. Clinics, camps, and private lessons for all ability levels are scheduled every Tuesday through Thursday that emphasize stroke production and strategy. The Mammoth Lakes Tennis Club (MLTC) has programmed a number of special events hosted at the Community Center Tennis Courts, including the new "Sunday Social" beginning on June 19, 2011. Socials get underway from 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. with snacks provided by the MLTC. For more information about the tournaments and socials, contact MLTC president Gail Lonne at (760) 934-0150 or glonne@verizon.net. To purchase your tennis lesson punch cards, please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222, visit www.townofmammothlakes.com or pick up a copy of the new 2011/12 Annual Mammoth Lakes Recreation Guide available throughout town.

Party Yourself into Shape!

Zumba® Fitness is offered every Monday by Kaysie Williams from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail (near The Village). Zumba® Fitness is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Participants don't even have to know how to dance. Just move your body and follow the instructor's lead. It's easy! Participants can purchase a 10 class punch card for \$77.50 or a 5 class punch card for only \$42.50. The Drop-In rate is \$10 per class. For more information or to register call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Feel the music and let loose!

Learn to Swim this Summer at the Whitmore Pool

The Whitmore Pool is your venue for swim lessons of all ages and abilities this summer. Located adjacent to the ball fields on Benton Crossing Road, this unique outdoor aquatic facility has a 360-degree view of the Eastern Sierra, including the Glass and White Mountain ranges. Stroke Improvement classes are offered every Monday and Wednesday from 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. between May 11 - June 15, 2011, and Mondays only from June 20 - August 8, 2011. Cost is \$10 per day. American Red Cross Swim Lessons are progressive lessons offered for all ages. The Whitmore Pool staff will help you place your child in the correct level and provide information regarding times of the specific class needed. Classes are subject to cancellation due to low enrollment if the minimum class size of 3 students is not met. The first session begins June 27 between 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. for Tiny Tot, and level I, between 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. for Tiny Tot, II, III. Please call the Whitmore Pool at (760) 935-4222 for reservations or stop by to make arrangements.

Sports & Recreation Calendar

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- On-going: Zumba Fitness at the Community Center
- On-going: The Whitmore Pool is open
- On-going: Little Sluggers Begins at MES (ends June 29)
- On-going: Tennis Lessons every Tuesday/Thursday
- May 1 – June 30: Convict Lake Spring Fishing Derby
- June 16-26: Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross
- June 24: Mammoth Mountain Adventure Center Opening Day
- June 24: Mammoth Mountain Bike Park Opening Day
- June 25-26: MLTC Summer Solstice Doubles Tournament @ Snowcreek
- June 27: Swim Lessons – Session 1
- June 27: UK International Soccer Camp 1
- June 29: Projected opening of Reds Meadow Road
- July 1: Footloose Sports Tour of Mammoth Bike Challenge begins
- July 2: Mono County Free Fishing Day
- July 2: Summer of Stewardship Trail Day
- July 2: Mammoth Lakes Swim Team 4th of July Triathlon
- July 4: Footloose Freedom Mile
- July 4: Chamber of Commerce Parade and Fireworks Spectacular at Crowley Lake
- July 4: POPS in the Park
- July 5: Swim Lessons Session 11
- July 5-6: Coed & Men's Softball Leagues begin
- July 6-8: Grom Mania Skate Camp
- July 8-9: June Lake Triathlon and Festival

Public Service Announcements

The Bears are Back!

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

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

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

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

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

New Rule Before School Opens in the Fall!

All students entering grades 7-12 this fall must provide proof of having immunization against whooping cough ('Tdap') before starting school. In light of California's recent and ongoing whooping cough (pertussis) epidemic, there is no reason to wait for the new school year. Besides, the first day of school is busy enough as it is without having to "get shot"!

This new school requirement applies to all public and private schools, and includes students who are home schooled. California's parents are being urged not to wait for the new fall school year, since there will be no grace period. Under the new law, students will not be allowed to start school without proof of vaccination. All schools will be subject to selective review and audit.

If a child does not have health insurance, or is only partially insured, your child's doctor or the Mono County Health Department can provide information about the Vaccines for Children Program which provides free or low-cost vaccines. The Tdap vaccine is also available at Von's.

Be sure to add this to your "to do" list, and have your child vaccinated before you get distracted by all the fun summer activities. The first day of school will arrive before you know it! For more information, please visit www.ShotsforSchool.org, or call us at (760) 924-1830 for more information.

Motorists Urged to Use Caution

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department would like to caution motorists to be extra alert for migrating deer on Highway 395 and State Route 203. Large numbers of deer are on the move at this time of year and they pose a real threat to motorists. On Thursday, May 12, one vehicle swerved to avoid a deer and ran off Highway 395 near the airport. The deer was struck and killed and the driver and passenger were transported to Mammoth Lakes Hospital for injuries received in the collision. Both occupants were wearing safety belts which prevented more serious injuries from occurring. Another deer was struck and killed in the same area by a Mono County Sheriff's vehicle that was enroute to the first collision.

Mammoth Farmers Market Returns to Main Street

While Mono and Inyo County farmers are tending to the their crops, organizers of the Mammoth Lakes Farmer's Market are preparing the Main Street frontage road for another season of fresh produce, entertainment, artists, and fun. The Farmer's Market will begin on **Wednesday, June 15th** (crops permitting) and will continue weekly on Wednesdays from 4:00pm to 7:00pm until the end of September. A special Farmer's Market event will take place on Wednesday, July 6th to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Devil's Postpile.

New this year, the market will be located in front of the Luxury Outlet Mall, and traffic on the frontage road will be re-routed to create a more pedestrian friendly environment. Also new this year, organizers are welcoming artists, craftspeople, retailers, and non-profit groups to join in the fun. Local bands and entertainers are also welcome to come and showcase their talents.

If you grow it, make it, speak it, or sing it, you should be participating in the Mammoth Lakes Farmer's Market. Space is limited. For more information on being a vendor or performer, please contact info@greenfoxevents.com or (760) 709-6744.

Mammoth Creek Park Playground Equipment Removal

On April 20, 2011, the Mammoth Lakes Town Council approved funding to remove and replace the substandard playground equipment from Mammoth Creek Park. Parks Maintenance personnel have removed the non-compliant playground equipment and signage at the park notifies users of this action. The playground will be closed for the duration of the removal process. The replacement playground equipment is expected to be installed in mid-summer (hopefully prior to July 4). Please contact the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 Extension 222 for additional information and updates on completion.

SR203 Resurfacing Project

The SR203 pavement overlay that was completed October 2009 by Caltrans and subsequently failed in many areas along the route will be corrected this summer. Caltrans District 9 plans to start work just after the July 4th holiday and complete work mid-August 2011. Town staff will be meeting with Caltrans to review their detailed project schedule sometime in the next two weeks.

Leash Law Reminder

Mammoth residents and visitors are reminded that the Town has a leash law, and it is a violation of the ordinance to allow your dog to run loose off of your property. While budget cuts eliminated the Animal Control Officer position, the laws pertaining to controlling your pets did not change, and you can still be cited by Mammoth Lakes Police Department officers if your dog is at-large. The Police Department is currently receiving a large number of complaints from several neighborhoods, and will be targeting patrol time in those areas when possible to apprehend loose dogs and to cite their owners. In addition to the citation fine, you could also be charged boarding fees by Mono County Animal Control if we choose to impound your dog at the Whitmore Shelter. At-large dogs are a traffic hazard, and even the most well behaved dog can bite if provoked. If your loose animal causes a traffic collision or injures/bites someone, you would likely be liable for damages, which could add up to thousands of dollars. Please respect your neighbors, AND your pet and obey the leash law.

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Town Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

In 2003, the Town implemented an outdoor lighting ordinance to eliminate light pollution and preserve views of our starry skies. The outdoor lighting ordinance was adopted to encourage residents to administer a lighting system that not only promotes public safety and night-time ambiance but to maximize energy conservation. To eliminate glare and light trespass into neighboring properties and roadways, the outdoor lighting fixtures on your property should be shielded and re-directed to shine downward or changed out to a lower wattage. More information about responsible lighting can be found at www.crlaction.org.