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Town News

Week of September 19, 2011

News from the Town Manager

Town Council Meeting – Sept. 21 - CANCELLED

The regular meeting of the Town Council on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 has been cancelled. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Calls for Service/Officer Observations

150, including 2 business/building checks

Crime Incident Reports

19 reports, including 3 arrests

Traffic Stop/Citations/Traffic Collisions

33 stops; 5 citations; 1 parking citation; 1 skate park citation; 0 collisions

Animal Control Incidents

1 incident; 0 reports

Wildlife

14 calls; 3 reports

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, September 16 - Saturday, September 17 = 36%
(33% same weekend in 2010, up 3% in 2011)

Sunday, September 18 - Thursday, September 22 = 26%
(23% same midweek in 2010, up 3% in 2011)

Twitter

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Community Development

SR 203 Paving Schedule

Paving on SR 203 between the Main Lodge and The Village is scheduled to be completed on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 dependent on weather conditions. Striping will start on SR 203 from HWY 395 to Old Mammoth Rd on Monday, September, 19, 2011.

Town Initiates Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Education & Enforcement Program

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is working with the Mammoth Lakes Lodging Association to implement a program to monitor and enforce transient occupancy tax (TOT) payments and rental activity within town.

TOT is the Lifeblood of our Town

Because TOT is the lifeblood of the town and provides us with so many essential services, the Town is tackling this problem through a TOT education and enforcement program. The Town and Mammoth Lakes Tourism have engaged our lodging partners and the Chamber of Commerce to help formulate a program for TOT enforcement.

Town Council Takes Action

The Town Council considers TOT enforcement a high priority because of the vital services it provides as well as the fact that, in the past, unreported and illegal rental activity has cost the Town hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars.

Anyone who violates the Town's Ordinance and rents their unit/home within a legally zoned area without first obtaining a business tax certificate and a transient occupancy tax certificate will be subject to the 13% transient occupancy tax, penalties, interest for their rental activity and may be fined up to \$500 per day along with enforcement charges. If you're renting in a non-legally zoned area, additional fines, including possible criminal action may apply. The Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code (Chapter 3.12) includes detailed rules and regulations pertaining to TOT.

TOT Hotline

A hotline has been established to report any suspicious activity or rental advertisements and 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.

TOT Provides Vital Community Services

Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) are the largest single revenue source for the Town of Mammoth Lakes. This visitor generating revenue provides vital services to our community which enhances our quality of life and maintains the resort status as a great place to live and work. Vital community services include:

- Free transportation (usage and need are growing).
- Snow removal (we would not be able to get around town without it).
- Road maintenance (surfacing, routing, and safety).
- Public safety (police funding, without TOT the population increases without funding for our protection).
- Parks and pools maintenance (facilities need upgrading and maintenance without TOT this can't happen).

- Trails (TOT will help create and maintain walking, hiking and biking trails within the town of Mammoth Lakes).

Transient Occupancy Tax – the details...

You've probably heard the term TOT and wondered what it was and how it affects you. Transient Occupancy Taxes (or TOT) are the taxes that visitors pay when renting a unit or hotel room in town. In the Town of Mammoth Lakes the daily tax rate is 13 percent. This tax rate applies to all rentable units: hotels, motels, condominiums, and single family homes that are permitted to rent on a nightly basis. For comparison, the Town of Truckee's transient occupancy tax rate is 10%, and the City of Anaheim's (Disneyland) transient occupancy tax is 15%.

TOT payments were strong last year due to the high visitation and the Town has seen quarterly improvements in this year's TOT funds. Even though the Town collects an average of \$11 million dollars in TOT per year, we may be leaving more on the table. Some estimate that uncollected TOT could be up to \$400,000 per year.

Unreported or uncollected TOT isn't just about the missing funds; it also affects local businesses in other ways. Owners who rent their units without collecting TOT drive down the rental rates for legitimate rental properties that do collect. Depending on the situation, not collecting and remitting TOT could be a misdemeanor or even embezzlement which is a criminal charge. Quite simply - it's illegal.

If you have questions about TOT enforcement please call Pam Kobylarz at (760) 934-8989 ext. 253 or she may be reached via e-mail at pkobylarz@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us. Thank you for your attention to this very important subject that affects our quality of life and the health of our community.

Community News

Mammoth Mountain Announces Resort Enhancements for 2011/2012 Winter Season

A five-year resort enhancement plan will kick off for winter 2011-12 with a blizzard of improvements as Mammoth Mountain continues to build on a reputation as the premier mountain resort in California. Cutting edge changes in store will provide faster access to the slopes, a completely transformed culinary experience, a new high-speed quad, enhanced air service and a snow tube park catering to the whole family. Here is what's new at Mammoth Mountain for this winter:

More Air Time With New and Expanded Daily Air Service – Visitors yearning to take advantage of the fresh powder will now have even more ways to get to the slopes with new seasonal air service from San Diego and Orange County and additional options from San Francisco. Continued service from Los Angeles and San Jose rounds out the many cities you can now fly to Mammoth from.*

Less Chair Time With New High-Speed Quad – Mammoth Mountain is installing a new Doppelmayr high-speed quad chairlift to replace Chair 5, a fixed-grip 3-seat lift. The new lift, the High-Five Express, will whisk 2,400 people uphill per hour (600 more people per hour than the old chair) and will cut ride time in half. Adding to the #1 network of ski lifts in North America as ranked by the readers of Ski Magazine for the last two years, the chair terminals will be positioned to provide improved access to

more terrain on one of the mountain's highest access points and most popular locales.

Less Waiting With RFID – With the understanding that guests want to ski, not wait in ticket lines, skiers and snowboarders at Mammoth will enjoy direct-to-lift access thanks to a newly installed RFID gate system. The new system will help eliminate two of the largest issues for any ski resort: cumbersome lines at lifts and ticket windows. By using MyMammoth passes that can be re-loaded with lift access credits online or over the phone, guests can bypass ticket windows altogether and head straight to the lifts. With 68 total RFID gates installed across 19 different lifts, Mammoth's will be the largest RFID system at a ski resort in North America.

Resort 2.0: More Savings With MyMammoth Direct – Thanks to MyMammoth Direct, Mammoth's new direct-to-lift ticket system, guests who register with MyMammoth can save some cash and skip the lines at the ticket window when they pre-load and reload lift passes on their MyMammoth card. Preloading passes with a seven-day advance purchase entitles guests to a savings of nearly 15% on lift tickets. MyMammoth purchases for lift tickets can be made by calling 800.MAMMOTH, online at MammothMountain.com or through the state-of-the art mobile app Mammoth2Go for iPhone and launching this season for Android.

More in Store for #1 Rated Terrain Park – Unbound, rated the top terrain park in North America by SKI Magazine, continues to evolve for the coming winter. Extensive dirt work has been done to the half pipes at Main and Canyon Lodges to ensure the earliest possible opening for Mammoth's world-famous half pipes. The Art Park, a hit last year in its inaugural season, will be returning with Jamie Lynn as the featured artist designing a whole new array of features. Resort partners [Monster Energy](#) and [Oakley](#) will be creating their own unique terrain features to add to Mammoth's impressive fleet of over 90 rails, boxes and jibs. The U.S. Snowboarding and Freeskiing Grand Prix, the West Coast Invitational and the ongoing Mammoth Concert Series will highlight the event lineup bringing activities and music to Mammoth throughout the season.

New Additions to the #1 Family Resort in California – With the largest ski and snowboard school in California, and over 100 beginner and intermediate runs, Mammoth has a long history as California's favorite family winter destination. To give families even more fun activities this winter, Mammoth is opening a snow tube park. Tubers and sledgers will fly down groomed slopes at the snow tube park located just above The Village at Mammoth. In addition, Mammoth is re-defining the family ski and snowboard experience with new products, programs and guest service initiatives to make sharing time on the snow together easier. Families will also enjoy new kids dining options at all food venues and the return of a winter full of family events including the Night of Lights and Woolly's Winter Carnival. This year, kids of all ages will get more opportunities to meet Mammoth's famous mascot, Woolly.

Mammoth Dining Redefined With Levy Restaurants Partnership – After teaming up to introduce the first ever "Roving Mammoth" burrito snowcat last season, Mammoth Mountain and [Levy Restaurants](#) will now expand their relationship for an industry-unique, resort-wide taste experience both on and off the slopes. Levy is an award-winning company known for its large-scale culinary venues in Southern California as well as some of the finest restaurants in Chicago including the James Beard-winning Spiaggia.

Beginning October 1, Mammoth is offering a reduced-priced season pass for the coming winter season to enjoy all these great improvements. At just \$799 for adults, this pass will be valid for unlimited skiing and riding at both Mammoth and June

Mountains for the entire 2011/12 season. This pass will only be offered for a limited time. Mammoth Mountain is scheduled to open for skiing and snowboarding on November 10, 2011. For more information about Mammoth Mountain, visit www.MammothMountain.com.

Fiesta Caliente

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day this Friday, September 16, 2011 from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Mammoth Creek Park. This fun and family friendly event is proudly presented by Mono Council for the Arts and Supply Uno. Enjoy special performances by Violeta Martin, Los Reeliz, and Los Chirrines!

ESEI Launches Mobile Home Energy Efficiency Program in the Eastern Sierra

A leader in the continuing effort to make the Eastern Sierra region as energy-efficient as possible, the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative (ESEI) will launch the Comprehensive Mobile Home Program on TBD.

The Comprehensive Mobile Home Program is administered by Southern California Edison (SCE) under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission through a contract awarded to Synergy Companies, an energy management vendor, to help utility customers achieve their energy-savings goals.

This unique program not only provides recommendations that can help customers save energy and money, it also offers free energy-efficient equipment and free installation. Some of the free items that eligible customers may qualify for include interior and exterior compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and fixtures, faucet aerators, low-flow showerheads, and pipe wrap! Synergy Companies also helps mobile home owners identify and reduce heat and air leaks in their ducting systems through duct test and seal.

Synergy Companies will also provide information to income-qualified mobile home owners about income assistance programs offered by SCE. Through these special programs, income-qualified households may be eligible to receive a reduction of up to 20% on their electric bills.

All products and services are offered at no cost to the customer with funding provided by California utility ratepayers. This program is available on a first-come, first served basis to qualifying customers until allocated funds are depleted and may be modified or terminated without notice. Customer eligibility is based upon prior participation records, and some programs require income screening, proof of home ownership documentation, and climate zone restrictions. Participants must live in Inyo or Mono Counties and be customers of Southern California Edison. Additional terms and conditions apply.

To sign up for the Comprehensive Mobile Home Program, visit www.synergycompanies.org or call 888-988-9829. For more information about the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative, visit www.highsierraenergy.org/-ese-initiative or call (760) 934-4650.

NEW Main Street Market

Organizers of the Wednesday Farmer's Market (4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in front of the Luxury Outlet Mall) are so pleased with the attendance that they have created a second weekly event in the area now known as the "Main Street Market." The Main Street Market, which will soon be a fixture on the Town Loop, featuring music,

artists, food vendors, coffee, and baked goods on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. through the end of September. All licensed bakers, food purveyors, craftspeople, and entertainers are welcome to contact Green Fox Events about having a booth space at the Main Street Market. If you grow it, make it, speak it, or sing it, you should be participating in the Mammoth Lakes Farmer's Market and the Main Street Market. For more information on supporting the markets, please contact info@greenfoxevents.com or (760) 709-6744.

Mammoth Lakes Police Community Hispanic Advisory Committee Meeting – Oct. 18

The Mammoth Lakes Police Community Hispanic Advisory Committee will be holding another Town Hall on Tuesday, October 18 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Sierra Lodge, Emerald Room. Presentations will be made by representatives from the Mexican Consulate, Child Protection Services, the Mono County District Attorney, the Mono County Superior Court, and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). There will also be an Open Forum where questions can be asked of representatives of these agencies along with the Police and Fire Departments of Mammoth Lakes and the Mono County Sheriff's Department.

Interpreters will be present and it will be possible for attendees to ask questions anonymously by way of using index cards. The Hispanic Advisory Committee was created in late 2010 in an effort to build trust and improve communications between the Police Department and the Hispanic community of Mammoth Lakes.

Recreation Highlights

Mammoth CrossFit Grand Opening – Sept. 17

Check out the newest, best training facility in Mammoth Lakes at the Grand Opening of Mammoth CrossFit this Saturday, September 17, 2011 between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Mammoth CrossFit is located at 160 Commerce Drive in the Industrial Park. Call Colin Broadwater at (206) 919-8923 or visit www.mammothcrossfit.com for additional information.

Call for Dirty Dogs! – Sept. 17

Does Fido need a bath? Come out to our Neighborhood Dog Wash on Saturday, September 17th at 11:00am in front of the Luxury Outlet Mall. We'll have tubs, shampoo, brushes, and pet products. All baths are by donation and 100% of proceeds go to I.C.A.R.E. (Inyo and Mono County Animal Resources and Education). The dog needs a walk anyways, right? So walk him out to meet us on Saturday morning.

Special Recreation Commission Meeting – Sept. 19

The Recreation Commission has scheduled a special meeting on Monday, September 19, 2011 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Town/County Conference Room. The commission will be discussing RecStrats Prioritization.

Call For Chalk Artists! – Sept. 24

Because of the recent rain, our chalk event has been postponed, and will be combined with our Hula Hoop Social on Saturday, September 24th (see below). Are

you one with the ground? Do you think you have what it takes to be the next 3D sidewalk chalk master? Come and claim a square and chalk it up on Saturday, September 24th at 11:00 a.m. It is free and open to all. Professional artists should contact sandrad@greenfoxevents.com as soon as possible. Only a few professionals will be selected and prizes include a \$50 gift certificate to Base Camp Café, \$100 gift certificate to the Luxury Outlet Mall, and \$150 cash! There is unlimited space for children chalkers! All chalk will be provided.

Call for Hula Hoopers! – Sept. 24

Can you shake that thang like nobody's business? Want to try? Come join us on Saturday, September 24th at 11:00am in front of the Luxury Outlet Mall to learn, hula, and laugh with other like minded hoopers. Hoops will be available for sale by Denise Perpall if you don't already have one.

Call for Fruit & Veggie Lovers!

Our Wednesday Farmer's Markets continue until the last Wednesday of September. The farmers' crops have rebounded and there is more produce now than there has been all season. Come join us in front of the Luxury Outlet Mall on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for good food, homemade crafts and jewelry, music, and a great community vibe.

All events are in front of the Luxury Outlet Mall on Main Street – see us under the yellow and white tent. For more information, contact sandrad@greenfoxevents.com or 760-709-6744. The Main Street Market is a place to gather, shop, and share good times.

Build A Trail – Sept. 24

Join MLTPA and Friends of the Inyo as we build a brand-new connector trail envisioned by the community as part of the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is the first new free mountain bike trail in Mammoth in years! – a great way to celebrate National Public Lands Day! Trail construction will take place between the Panorama Dome Mountain Bike Trail and the Lakes Basin, and re-routing of the Panorama Dome Hiking Trail to create a more efficient trailhead. Register online at www.mltpa.org.

Second Summer Fishing Derby

Western Outdoor News and YUM Troutkrilla, in conjunction with Mono County Tourism and Mammoth Lakes Tourism are proud to present the Inaugural Mono County/Mammoth Lakes YUM 'Second Summer Derby and Fundraiser. Beginning on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and concluding on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 three specifically tagged 2 lbs+ Trout dubbed "Troutkrilla", paid for by PRADCO, will be planted in each of the participating lakes on September 6th. These trout will carry a tag worth a corresponding Instant Win Prize, and also a raffle ticket for a Shopping Spree with www.Lurenet.com. The Grand Raffle Prize is a fully rigged 14' Gregor with a 15hp Mercury Motor and an EZ Load Trailer. Catch a tagged Trout and instantly receive 1 entry in the drawing for the Boat (Grand Raffle prize)! Call 888 GO-MAMMOTH for additional information.

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!

Get Gymnastics Fever!

This year-round program is designed to introduce children from 3-18 years old the wonderful and exciting sport of gymnastics. Offered by Michelle DeJong, a level 8 competitive gymnast and Level 1-5 gymnastics coach, participants will learn to tumble and more in a safe and structured environment. This program is also a recipient of Measure R funding with \$7,000 of gymnastic equipment. Three age sessions are available at the Community Center on Forest Trail.

3-5 yr olds – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

5-8 yr olds – Saturday: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

8-12+ yr olds – Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Saturday: 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fees are only \$50/month (8 sessions) for residents and \$60/month for non-residents. Five session Punch Cards are available for \$50 and Private lessons are available upon request at \$20 for 30-45 minutes. Drop -ins are welcome and encouraged - First one is FREE! Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to register your aspiring Gymnast!

Devils Postpile National Monument Proposals

Devils Postpile National Monument has reached another milestone in its general management planning where public input is requested. The planning process began in June 2009 with a series of public workshops where people shared their thoughts, concerns, and desires for the future of Devils Postpile. The planning team has now developed four preliminary alternatives and each alternative offers a different approach to managing the monument's resources as well as a variety of ways to meet the needs of visitors of all ages who continue to come to experience this special place.

The purpose of the general management plan is to create a vision and overall management philosophy for Devils Postpile that will guide decision-making by current and future generations for the next 15 to 20 years. The four preliminary alternatives present different management strategies for resource protection and preservation, education and interpretation, visitor use and facilities, land protection and boundaries, and long-term operations and management of Devils Postpile National Monument.

The plan for Devils Postpile also presents opportunities for additional collaboration and coordination with the Inyo National Forest to develop desired conditions for the overall visitor experience and broad resource management issues related to the larger watershed. Devils Postpile National Monument is surrounded by the Inyo National Forest and both agencies work as partners to provide integrated management within the Reds Meadow valley. The Inyo National Forest is a cooperating agency in the planning process.

A newsletter has been released containing details about the alternatives, collaboration with the Inyo National Forest, and the planning process. Copies can be obtained at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, the Devils Postpile Ranger Station, the White Mountain Ranger Station, and the Mono Basic Scenic Area Visitor Center, or by download at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/depo>.

A public open house will be held at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Library on Thursday, September 15, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come learn about the alternatives and share their ideas to help the planning team refine these preliminary proposals. To learn more about Devils Postpile National Monument visit <http://www.nps.gov/depo> and to submit comments visit the National Park Service Planning website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/depo>.

We Want to Hear From You!

The Recreation Department would like to hear what you have to say about our products and programs. If you participated in one of our many youth and adult programs, or enjoyed one of our parks or facilities, please take the time to complete the Customer Satisfaction Survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PZ3JCYQ>. Customer Satisfaction Survey's are also available for collection from the Recreation office located in the Minaret Village Mall, above Giovanni's. Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for additional information. We look forward to hearing from you!

Contact Us

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

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Sports & Recreation Calendar

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- On-going: Zumba Fitness at the Community Center
- On-going: Main Street Farmers Market every Wednesday
- On-going: Mammoth AYSO Fall Soccer Season (ends October 30, 2011)
- Sept. 6: Second Summer Fishing Derby (ends Nov. 15)
- Sept. 16: Fiesta Caliente – Mexican Independence Day
- Sept. 17: Mammoth CrossFit Grand Opening
- Sept. 23-24: OktoberFest – Village at Mammoth
- Sept. 24: Build a Trail – Panorama Dome
- Sept. 24-25: Everest Challenge Bike Race
- Sept. 25: Mammoth Lakes Cricket Invitational

- Oct. 1: Ambush at the Lake Fall Fishing Derby begins at Convict Lake
- Oct. 1: Joe Stapp Memorial U12 Soccer Tournament
- Oct. 2: Mammoth Mountain Bike Park Last Day
- Oct. 8: Joe Stapp Memorial U10 Soccer Tournament
- Oct. 28. Halloween Carnival & Haunted House – Village at Mammoth

Public Service Announcements

Leash Law Reminder

Mammoth residents and visitors are reminded that the Town has a leash law, and it is a violation of the ordinance to allow your dog to run loose off of your property. While budget cuts eliminated the Animal Control Officer position, the laws pertaining to controlling your pets did not change, and you can still be cited by Mammoth Lakes Police Department officers if your dog is at large. The PD is currently receiving a large number of complaints from several neighborhoods, and will be targeting patrol time in those areas when possible to apprehend loose dogs and to cite their owners. In addition to the citation fine, you could also be charged boarding fees by Mono County Animal Control if we choose to impound your dog at the Whitmore Shelter.

At-large dogs are a traffic hazard, and even the most well behaved dog can bite if provoked. If your loose animal causes a traffic collision or injures/bites someone, you would likely be liable for damages, which could add up to thousands of dollars. Please respect your neighbors, AND your pet and obey the leash law.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors Save Lives

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keep Our Wildlife Wild!

The best way to KEEP WILDLIFE WILD 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.

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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.