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## **Town News**

### **2012 Fourth of July Edition**

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## **News from the Town Manager**

### **Special Town Council Meeting – July 2**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes was called by the Council to be held on Monday, July 2, 2012 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers/Suite Z, Minaret Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road. Said special meeting shall be for the purpose of a CLOSED SESSION to discuss necessary decisions related to the status of and agreements reached during the 60-day AB 506 mediation; State Court's Writ of Mandate to pay Mammoth Lakes Land Acquisition (MLLA) the full judgment amount; and next steps. The Council will reconvene from closed session and announce any actions taken therein which are required to be disclosed.

### **Town Council Meeting – July 18**

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

### **Fireworks Prohibited in The Town Of Mammoth Lakes and On Inyo Forest and BLM Lands**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes would like to inform all our residents and visitors that the personal use of fireworks is prohibited in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, including non-designated areas within Mono County, and on Inyo National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands.

Due to EXTREME FIRE DANGER, both the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District and Mammoth Lakes Police Department will enforce a "zero tolerance" policy with respect to the possession and use of fireworks without a permit. Fireworks violations will be strictly enforced.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes would like to encourage all our residents and visitors to celebrate our national holiday in a safe and responsible manner, and to attend the scheduled Fourth of July firework shows. These include the spectacular fireworks show on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at Crowley Lake, and in The Village at Mammoth on Thursday, July 5, 2012. Please log onto [www.visitmammoth.com](http://www.visitmammoth.com) for a complete list of Fourth of July festivities in Mammoth Lakes.

For additional information on the fireworks restrictions, please contact the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department at (760) 934-2300, or the Mammoth Lakes Police Department

at (760) 934-2011. Please enjoy our national holiday in a safe and responsible manner.

### **Town of Mammoth Lakes Publishes Online Information About the AB 506 Mediation Process, and Debt Restructuring Solutions Reached in Mediation**

On April 30, 2012 the Town initiated a mediation ("neutral evaluation") process in accordance with the new California State law, AB 506. A total of 16 "interested parties", or creditors, have participated in a 60-day mediation process, with the guidance of the Honorable Judge David Coar. Regrettably, as of today, the Town's largest creditor, Mammoth Lakes Land Acquisition (MLLA), has refused to participate in the mediation, despite the Town's multiple invitations.

The State law generally requires that the mediation be confidential. However, the Town and the mediating parties have signed confidentiality waivers consenting to making public the names of the mediating parties, requests made by the Town to these parties, and any agreements reached in mediation.

The Town has created a website where information concerning the mediation is now posted: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=445>. The 60-day mediation is scheduled to conclude on Friday, June 29, 2012, unless extended in accordance with AB 506. To date, the Town has been able to reach agreements with most parties, and these agreements are detailed online.

Regardless of the outcome of the mediation and the status of agreements, the Town plans to implement its FY 2012-13 budget, approved by the Town Council on June 20, 2012, on July 1, 2012. The detailed budget document, including the Budget Reduction Plan is available on the Town's website, under <http://www.ci.mammothlakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=192>.

### **Tip-A-Cop At Rafters On July 2**

The Mammoth Lakes Police Officers Association has teamed-up with the Mammoth Lakes Women's Club to sponsor a "Tip-a-Cop" dinner at Rafter's Restaurant on Monday, July 2, 2012. The fun begins at 5 p.m. with a 3-course dinner that includes choice of soup or salad, entrée, and dessert. The cost is \$35, with tips and 10% of the evening's sales benefitting the Women's Club and the Mammoth Youth Football Program. You will be served by Mammoth's finest. Mountain Mojo will provide music throughout the evening and My Mammoth Shuttle will provide luxury SUV taxi service to and/or from Rafter's for \$5 per person per trip with all proceeds going to support Tip-a-Cop. Call Kelly at (530) 680-4544 or e-mail [dinnershuttle@yahoo.com](mailto:dinnershuttle@yahoo.com) to schedule a ride.

Enjoy a great meal with great entertainment, served by MLPD Officers, and know that your contribution will benefit two non-profit community organizations. Dinner reservations are recommended. Call Rafter's at (760) 934-9431 to make sure you don't miss out on what will be a fun evening. For more information, call (760) 914-2575.

### **Corrections to Media Reports About Police Department Budget Cuts**

The Mammoth Lakes media recently reported that the Mammoth Lakes Police Department will be losing two sworn police officer positions as a result of the budget that was approved by the Town Council on June 20. This is incorrect – the Police Department will be losing one officer, not two. The incorrect information was based on an attachment to the Agenda Bill presented to the Council. The attachment was

prepared when it appeared that there would be two positions cut and it showed the impacts of those cuts and a 46% reduction in the Police Department overtime budget.

Since that report was prepared, the Police Officers Association (POA) has agreed to additional concessions totaling more than 18%. As a result, the Police Department will be losing only one police officer position. This will result in the elimination of the Traffic Enforcement Officer. It is unknown at this time whether the School Resource Officer (SRO) will continue or be reassigned to patrol duties in an effort to reduce overtime. A decision on whether the SRO can be retained will be made within the next few days.

Chief Dan Watson said, "I appreciate that the members of the POA respect and understand the very difficult position the Town is facing with its budget and are willing to be part of the solution. Once again, they have stepped up and voluntarily agreed to substantial concessions to help the Council balance the budget."

The elimination of the police officer position means that the least senior officer will be laid off. The officer will be offered a position as a reserve police officer and as soon as a vacancy occurs, he will be offered a full-time position. This may occur in the near future since at least one officer is processing as a lateral transfer to another police department.

The substantial reduction in the overtime budget means that some difficult decisions had to be made including the elimination of discretionary programs. The Town can no longer afford to provide additional police presence at special events without being reimbursed by the promoters of those events. Letters have gone out to the event organizers informing them of this change.

### **Calls for Service/Officer Observations**

163, including 1 business/building check

### **Crime Incident Reports**

21 reports, including 6 arrests

### **Traffic Stop/Citations/Traffic Collisions**

39 stops; 7 citations; 8 parking citations; 0 skate park citations; 1 collision

### **Animal Control Incidents**

2 incidents; 0 reports

### **Wildlife**

4 calls; 3 reports

### **Projected Average Resort Occupancy**

Sunday, July 1, 2012 - Thursday, July 5, 2012 = 48% (4th of July week)  
(68% same midweek in 2011, down 20% in 2012)

Friday, July 6, 2012 - Saturday, July 7, 2012 = 53%

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## Community News

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### **Reds Meadow Valley Road Now Open**

The Reds Meadow Valley Road is now open to the public providing public access to Devils Postpile National Monument, Rainbow Falls, Reds Meadow Resort and recreation sites, trailheads, and campgrounds in the Reds Meadow Valley. All regular rules, fees and restrictions will be in place upon opening of the road, including mandatory use of the shuttle bus. Information on fees, the mandatory shuttle bus and exception vehicles can be obtained on the Inyo National Forest website, [www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/inyo/specialplaces](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/inyo/specialplaces). The Forest Service plans to open the road to exception vehicles at 9:00 a.m. on Friday. The first bus into the Valley will leave the Mammoth Adventure Center at 8:45 a.m.

The US Forest Service, National Park Service and several partners have been working hard to remove fallen trees, hazards and debris and make repairs to infrastructure damaged in the November 30 wind event that toppled tens of thousands of trees in the Reds Meadow Valley, surrounding area and throughout the Inyo National Forest. Invaluable assistance has come from other partners such as the Pacific Crest Trail Association, Student Conservation Association, Youth Conservation Corps, AmeriCorps, American Conservation Experience, Friends of the Inyo and Backcountry Horsemen of California.

Reds Meadow and Devils Postpile Campgrounds will be open on a first come-first served basis at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 29. The Forest Service is planning to open Pumice Flat and portions of Minaret Falls Campground in subsequent days. Campsite availability will be tracked by staff at the Minaret Vista Ranger Station and campers will be informed of availability upon arrival at the Station, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Friday. Group campgrounds remain closed and reservations are not being accepted at this time.

Most of the area trails have been cleared and are open to the public, including access to the primary destinations of the Valley, Devils Postpile and Rainbow Falls. The Forest Service estimates that nearly 2000 trees have been cleared from trails in and around the Reds Meadow Valley. Maps that display information on the status of all area trails and identify remaining problem areas are available on the Inyo National Forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Inyo/Blowdown>.

The Forest Service is making every effort to clear recognizable and identifiable hazards from developed recreation sites (roads, non-wilderness trails, campgrounds, trailheads, etc.). Hazards continue to be present in the general forest areas and in a small number of developed recreation sites. Hazards have not been cleared in Agnew Meadows and Upper Soda Springs Campgrounds and these areas are closed to all public entry. Numerous and varied hazards exist in wilderness and other undeveloped forest areas. Visitors to these areas should understand the risks and know how to identify and avoid potential hazards.

Road work, repairs and removal of logs from the Valley will continue throughout the summer. Visitors may experience unexpected delays. Temporary road closures may be necessary and will be scheduled in an effort to minimally disrupt public use and enjoyment of the area.

For more information, please call the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center at (760) 924-5500 or visit the Welcome Center at 2510 Hwy 203 next to the Mammoth Ranger Station.

## **Town of Mammoth Lakes To Host Fourth of July Fireworks Show at Crowley Lake**

The spectacular Fourth of July Fireworks Show will be held on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 once again at Crowley Lake. This year's fireworks show promises to be a bright and striking display of color in the 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.

Since incorporating in 1984, the Town of Mammoth Lakes has been celebrating Independence Day with a spectacular fireworks show. The Town contracts *Pyro Spectaculars by Souza* to light up the sky above Crowley Lake. Souza is well known for doing some of the largest and most spectacular fireworks displays in the world. Most recently they produced the Golden Gate Bridge 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fireworks Celebration. Their wall of fame also includes the Macy's 4th of July Spectacular in New York City, the 2002 & 2004 Olympics, and the nightly shows at Disneyland and Disney World.

At the annual Crowley Lake Fourth of July fireworks show, 662 shells will be propelled into the Eastern Sierra sky for a mesmerizing 20 minutes of jaw-dropping amazement. A whopping 450 shells will be shot off in the main body, including 100 pyrotechnic shells. The Grand Finale includes over 200 designer rockets.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes would like to recognize the Elkus family as a special sponsor of this year's Fourth of the July fireworks display.

Prior to the spectacular fireworks show, kick back on the Crowley Lake Fish Camp lawn and enjoy the "Eastside Five" playing from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. Hot Chicks Rotisserie will also be serving tasty BBQ meals and beverages from 4:00 p.m., and the Crowley Lake Fish Camp convenience store will be open until 7:00 p.m. selling soda, ice cream, and snack items.

Admission to the Fourth of July Fireworks Show is \$25.00 per car, RV, or truck, and \$5.00 per individual/bike (walking/riding).

Camp permitting at Crowley Lake Fish Camp for the Fourth of July begins Tuesday, July 3, 2012 and ends Sunday, July 8, 2012. The entire lake shore at the South Landing of Crowley Lake is open for camping, and the fee is \$125 per vehicle including the fireworks show. The North Landing/North Shore of Crowley Lake will be closed beginning 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2012, thru 12:00 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 2012.

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.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us).

Make it a great Fourth of July!

### **Caltrans Roadway Preservation**

Crews in Mono County will be fog sealing US 395 & State Route 108 as per the following schedule to extend the life of the roadway.

June 25-26, 2012	Mono US Hwy 395 – Bodie Road to Jack Sawyer Road post mile 69.85 to 76 (start time 6:30 a.m.)
June 27-28, 2012	Mono SR 108 - US Hwy 395 & SR 108 Jct. to lower gate post mile 10 – 15 (start time 6:30 a.m.)

The purpose of fog sealing is to rejuvenate the roadway by adding the naturally occurring oils back into the roadway that have oxidized out of the pavement. This adds life to the pavement and allows it to perform better and be more flexible.

Please be advised that there may be up to 20 minute delays. Flaggers will be directing traffic. Slow down and watch for highway workers. When approaching the construction zone the traveling public is advised to reduce their speed, observe the construction signs, and watch for construction personnel and equipment.

### **High Point Curve Realignment Project**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) continues construction on US Highway 395 in Mono County near Topaz Lake, 0.6 miles south of the Nevada State line as part of a \$17.2 million road realignment and retaining wall project.

Currently, one way traffic control is in effect which includes up to 20 minute delays. Temporary paving and striping is scheduled to begin on June 25th and will last several days. For the safety of the construction crew and motorists, please be attentive to closures, slow for the cone zone, and move over one lane where possible.

This project has been designed to improve the safety along 1 mile of US 395 by realigning horizontal and vertical curves, expanding the shoulder width from 2 to 8 feet, and reducing the rockfall onto the highway. The location of the project is adjacent to Topaz Lake, between the highway's junction with State Route 89 and the California-Nevada border, post mile 118.7 to 119.6. This \$17.2 million project, which will be completed in October 2012, will provide a safer travel experience for motorists. The contractor is Disney Construction, Inc of Burlingame, CA.

### **Warm Springs Shoulder Widening**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has begun a project to widen the paved shoulders on U.S. Highway 395, 1.8 miles south of Bishop. Work hours are from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. Drivers should anticipate lane closures without delays. Roadwork is expected to be completed by August 2012.

The contractor for this \$65,770 project is Robert J Frank Construction, Inc. of Redding. For the safety of the construction crew and motorists, please be attentive to closures, slow for the cone zone, and move over one lane where possible.

### **Celebrate The First 50 Days of Fishing Season!**

Trout season is in full swing and is starting strong with warm temperatures and big hungry fish. It's the "50 Days of Fishmas" in Mammoth Lakes until Monday, June 18, 2012. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for a chance to win a 14 foot Klamath Deluxe S Boat, Honda 8 marine HP motor, and an EZ Loader trailer. Visit [EasternSierraFishing.org](http://EasternSierraFishing.org) for all the details.

## **Recreation Highlights**

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### **Grom Mania Skate Camp – July 2**

Designed for beginner to intermediate skaters between ages 7-13 yrs. old, this Skate Camp will meet daily at the Shady Rest Skate Park for drop-off and pick-up. The first camp begins Monday, July 2 at 9:00 a.m. and is only \$105 EB (10-days in advance) or \$126 REG. fee. In addition to a heavy emphasis on street scene skateboarding, the camp will also travel to summer hot spots such as the Mammoth Roller Rink. Helmet, elbow pads and kneepads are required. Call the office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 to register.

### **Adult & Coed Softball League Registration Deadline June 22**

The deadline for the summer 2012 softball league was **Friday, June 22, 2012**. We can only accept 13 teams for each league. Please come into the Town Offices (located above Giovanni's) and pay your league fees to complete registration. The season will begin on **July 9, 2012 for Men's league** and **July 10, 2012 for Co-Ed**. See you on the softball fields!

### **Whitmore Pool Now Open**

The Whitmore Pool opened for recreation swim on June 23, 2012. Lap swim is available on select mornings and afternoons, and lessons have also begun and are offered Monday – Friday at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Admission fees are \$4.50 for adults, \$2.75 for seniors/military and youth, and only \$1.50 for children (1-6 yr. olds). Ask about our Five Swim Pass – every 6<sup>th</sup> swim is FREE! Call (760) 935-4222 for hours of operation and additional information.

### **Register for the June Lake Triathlon**

There are only a couple days left to register for the TOUGHEST race in the most BEAUTIFUL place. Registration closes on July 1st, so just do it - log on and register TODAY!

Racers, friends & family are invited to the amazing June Mountain Welcome Dinner on Friday July 6th, (\$25 adults, \$15 kids). During the day, pick up your race packet at the June Lake Triathlon Expo and shop at Louis Garneau, get a pre-race massage by Michelle Mather, buy some Lee Vining High School chocolate, and visit Disabled Sports' Raffle Booth. On Saturday, the race festivities continue at the Expo on the beach with breakfast vendors, smoothies, raffle ticket sales, and more fun. All racers and volunteers get treated to a post-race catered lunch by Linda Dore Catering. Racers are also awarded a finishers' medal crafted by local artists.

And after the race, all are invited to celebrate at the post-race BBQ Bash at Double Eagle Resort (ticketed), and go home with unforgettable images and memories of the High Sierra. The triathlon is looking for more volunteers to make this amazing day happen. If you are interested, please sign up soon as there are only a few spots left. Whether you VOLUNTEER or RACE, we look forward to having you!

### **Mammoth Roller Rink Now OPEN!**

The Mammoth Lakes Multi-Use Facility and NEW Mammoth Roller Rink opened to the public on Friday, June 8, 2012. The facility is located at 416 Sierra Park Road adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Library and opposite Mammoth High School.

Operating as the Mammoth Ice Rink in winter, the Mammoth Roller Rink ([www.MammothRollerRink.com](http://www.MammothRollerRink.com)) offers summer recreational roller and inline skating, youth/adult roller hockey, arena soccer, broomball, basketball, mini-ramps, and table tennis/golf. The Mammoth Roller Rink is also a fun and unique venue for your next birthday party 'on wheels' or special event.

"The Multi-Use Facility/Mammoth Roller Rink is an ideal venue for value-driven and affordable family-orientated recreational activities and programs that provide the very highest quality of life for our residents, and the highest quality of experience for our visitors," stated Stuart Brown, Recreation Manager. "We all know that a large, indoor, multi-purpose facility will take some time to be designed and constructed, so this facility is an ideal short-term alternative."

Funding for the summer operation of the Multi-Use Facility/Mammoth Roller Rink was derived from Measure U funds, with the balance expected from Measure R with Town Council consideration on June 20, 2012.

Recreational skating/hockey and Multi-Use Facility admission fees have been set to encourage participation from all socio-demographics. In particular, the \$2.00 MUSD/MCOE fee for students makes it one of the most affordable recreation activities in Mammoth Lakes. For the 2012 summer season, adults skate for only \$7.50 with skate rentals (\$5.00 with skates), youth (5-15 yrs. old) for \$6.50 with skate rentals (\$4.00 with skates), and kids 4 and under skate free with a paid adult.

This summer get your 6th Skate FREE with the Five Skate Pass (5SP), skate mid-week (Monday-Thursday) for only \$4.00 per person/session (excludes skate rental), and pay only \$2.00/person to upgrade to the next session.

Roller hockey has been programmed from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. for youth on Monday and Wednesday, and for adults on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Drop-in roller hockey is also available on Saturday between 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., and on Sunday from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

For all those soccer enthusiasts, youth arena soccer is programmed every Sunday between 3:00 and 5:30 p.m. for only \$4.00/session.



Rent the Mammoth Roller Rink for your next party! All-inclusive birthday party packages are available from as low as \$75 per 10 children, and up to \$15 per child for your personal party coordinator, cake, pizza, drinks and skate rental.

When visiting the Mammoth Roller Rink, please consider taking the Trolley: Village – Snowcreek Shuttle (Red Line), Mid-Town LIFT (Purple Line) or Old Mammoth LIFT (Grey line) as parking is limited.

The Mammoth Roller Rink is owned and operated by the Town of Mammoth Lakes through a partnership with Mammoth Unified School District and Mono County Office of Education. The facility is drug-free, smoke-free and pet-free. Roller/inline skates, scooters, skate boards are allowed on the surface. Bikes are not allowed at any time. Helmets and appropriate safety equipment are recommended.

For the complete summer schedule, rates and special promotions visit [www.mammothrollerrink.com](http://www.mammothrollerrink.com), see our rack card in all Certified Racks located throughout Mammoth Lakes and along HWY 395, or call the Mammoth Roller Rink at (760) 934-2505, or Recreation Department office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222.

We'll see you at Mammoth's new recreation hot spot!

#### **Footloose Freedom Mile – July 4**

Register for a FUN, one mile fun run starting at the corner of Old Mammoth Road and Minaret Road at 10:10 a.m. prior to the Fourth of July Parade. Entry fee required. Proceeds benefit the Whitmore Track Project.

#### **Never Have A Slow Day In Mammoth Again!**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department is proud to present the new 2012 Summer/Fall Recreation Guide. The guide is the definitive source for recreation in Mammoth Lakes packed-full of programs, events and activities for kids of all ages. Pick up your copy from any Certified Rack located throughout Mammoth Lakes, visit the Town Offices, Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, or log onto [www.MammothRecreation.com](http://www.MammothRecreation.com). Whether you're looking for family fun at our many parks, challenging your endurance on our many trails or replenishing your spirit in the great outdoors, we hope you'll take advantage of what our team has created, and what awaits you in Mammoth Lakes...Your recreation Nirvana!

#### **New 2012 Summer Fees**

For 2012, the Recreation Department has replaced resident and non-resident fees with "Early Bird" (EB) fees or "Regular" (Reg.) fees. Early Bird fees provide a 20% discount on camp programs if purchased 10-days in advance. This discount does not apply to the daily drop-in rate or facility rental fees. A \$5.00 family discount per child is also offered after the first family member has paid the EB or Reg. camp price.

#### **Notify Me!**

Receive updates sent directly to your email or phone from the Town of Mammoth Lakes by subscribing to "Notify Me." Found on the left side of [www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us), stay current with Public Service Announcements, Emergency Alerts, Town e-News, Recreation This Week, No Burn Announcements, DNDP updates, bid postings, news flash, calendar items, and more! Make smart decisions, subscribe today!

## **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

- 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.
- 8-12+ yr. olds – Tuesday: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Invitation only.

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

## **Zumba Fitness**

Party yourself into shape with Zumba® Fitness offered by Kaysie Williams from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail. Cost: 10 punch-\$77.50; 5 punch-\$42.50; Drop-In rate \$10 per class and your first class is only \$5!

## **Sports & Recreation Calendar**

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- On-going Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- On-going Zumba Fitness at the Community Center
- On-going Whitmore Pool OPEN
- On-going Mammoth Roller Rink OPEN
- OPEN Reds Meadow, Tioga, Sonora and the Lakes Basin
- June 22 DEADLINE for Softball Sign-ups
- July 2 Grom Mania Skate Camp
- July 4 Fourth of July Festivities: Freedom Mile, Parade, POPS in the Park and Fireworks at Crowley Lake
- July 4-7 Mammoth Celebrates the Arts
- July 5 Village in the Fireworks
- July 6-7 Mammoth Food & Wine Experience
- July 7 June Lake Triathlon
- July 9-13 Wilderness Camp 1 –LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!
- July 9 Men's Softball League Begins
- July 10 Co-ed Softball League Begins
- July 10 Recreation Commission Meeting
- July 11-15 Mammoth Lakes Jazz Jubilee
- July 16-20 Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp
- July 16-20 Sports Camp
- July 18 Mammoth Lakes Music Festival
- July 20-22 Youth Gymnastics Camp II
- July 21-22 Men's D Adult Softball Tournament
- July 23-27 Next Level High Altitude Basketball Academy I
- July 23-24 Youth Climbing Camp I
- July 25-27 Grom Mania Skate Camp II

- July 28-29 Coed D Adult Softball Tournament
- July 29-29 MLFD Canoe Races and Picnic
- Jly. 30 –Ag. 3 UK International Soccer Camp II
- Jly. 30 –Ag. 3 Wilderness Camp II
- Aug. 3-5 Youth Gymnastics Camp III
- Aug. 5 Mammoth High School Football Annual Golf Tournament at Sierra Star
- Aug. 8-10 Wave Rave Concrete Kommandos
- Aug. 13-17 AYSO Advanced Training Soccer Camp
- Aug. 13-25 Next Level High Altitude Basketball Academy II
- Aug. 13-17 Wilderness Camp III
- Aug. 20-21 Youth Climbing Camp III

## **Public Service Announcements**

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### **Mammoth Lakes Police Department is Recruiting Reserve Officers**

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department (MLPD) is recruiting qualified individuals interested in serving their community as Reserve Police Officers. This recruitment effort coincides with a Level 3 Reserve Academy being presented by Cerro Coso College in the Fall.

The Basic Peace Officer Level 3 Academy will be offered through the Administration of Justice Program at the Bishop campus. The Academy will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6 pm until 10 pm starting on August 28 and finishing on November 15. Tuition for the Academy is \$230.

Level 3 Reserve Officers may perform limited support functions while under the supervision of a regular Police Officer. This includes transporting arrestees without supervision.

You do not have to be affiliated with a Police Department to attend the Reserve Academy. However, the MLPD is accepting applications for Reserve Officer and, if selected in time, the MLPD will sponsor the tuition. The standards for being a Reserve Officer are the same as a regular Officer and the selection process includes medical and psychological exams and a thorough background investigation.

Anyone interested in applying for a position as a Reserve Police Officer with the MLPD should contact Sergeant Marc Moscovitz at (760) 934-2011 or by e-mail at [mmoscovitz@mammothlakespd.org](mailto:mmoscovitz@mammothlakespd.org).

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the Reserve Academy can visit Cerro Coso's website at [www.cerrocoso.edu](http://www.cerrocoso.edu) or call the local offices at (760) 934-2875 or (760) 872-1565.

### **Mammoth Mountain Announces Closure of June Mountain**

Rusty Gregory, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area Chairman and CEO, announced today the company will not operate June Mountain this summer and for the upcoming 2012-13 winter season. "June has operated at an annual deficit each year since its purchase in 1986," said Gregory. "It is time to invest some of this subsidy into the analysis and planning required to position the resort for a sustainable future, then secure the approvals and financing required to create it."

Mammoth purchased June Mountain in 1986 with the idea of significantly increasing the size of the resort by building new facilities, extending new runs to the June Lake

Village, and fostering additional developed ski areas along the San Joaquin Ridge, resulting in a connection between Mammoth and June Mountains. For a number of reasons, these plans were never realized and June Mountain has, in turn, suffered from an identity crisis that has both stifled its ability to achieve its full potential and required substantial financial subsidy from Mammoth on an annual basis. Cessation of operations will help the company dedicate its focus to a new future for June Mountain. Mammoth will be working with its partner the U.S. Forest Service to reach the best possible result in this endeavor.

In the weeks to come, Mammoth will be working to determine if and to what extent it can absorb June's year round workforce. Mammoth Mountain will continue to offer world-class skiing, snowboarding and summer activities for locals and visitors to the region.

### **Protect Your Home!**

Now that winter seems to have faded, the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District (MLFD) wants to remind residents of your responsibility to keep your property fire safe. Long term residents are aware of the wildland fire incidence that can occur around town and especially after dry winters and with windy, hot, dry summers. From just about anywhere in town one can see the results of previous fire activity and the scars that have been left behind.

Establishing and maintaining defensible space around our property is all of our responsibilities. A well-maintained landscape enhances the beauty and value of any property— it can also serve as a fuel break. The goal is to keep your landscape lean, clean and green. The following steps can reduce your home's vulnerability from the threat of wildfire and reduce your use of irrigation.

**ZONE 1:** 30 feet or more adjacent to the home and beyond attachments such as wooden decks.

- Within the first 10 feet of the home, use nonflammable landscaping materials (rock, pavers), or low level annuals or perennials less than 18 inches in height. There should be nothing flammable within 10 feet of the home.
- Keep this area irrigated and free from dead or dry vegetation, combustible debris, and accumulations of leaf and needle litter. Plants should be carefully spaced, low growing and free of vegetation high in resins, oils, and waxes that burn easily. Mow lawns regularly.
- Prune all trees up 1/3 the height of the tree or so the lowest limbs are 10-15 feet from the ground. If adjacent to a structure, prune up to the eave level. Clearance shall be a minimum of 10 feet from chimneys/stovepipes. Keep roof surfaces clear.
- Thin out living vegetation 30 to 50% within this zone to decrease fire intensity and continuous path of travel.
- Allow space between tops of trees to reduce the risk of crown fire.
- Keep firewood stacks/piles at least 30 feet from the home. If this is not possible, from June 1 to September 30, cover entire woodpile with properly secured, fire resistive, California State Fire Marshal tagged tarp. MLFD will have an inspector issuing citations this summer for improper wood storage.
- Water plants and trees regularly to ensure they are healthy. Do not use finely shredded mulch and mulch should be wetted periodically.
- Areas around and above propane tanks need to be kept clear of vegetation for 10 feet.

**ZONE 2:** Approximately 30 to 100 feet from the home (if your property size permits).

- Leave approximately 30 feet between clusters of two to three trees, or approximately 20 feet between individual trees. Do not remove more than 1/3 of the crown density.
- Limit vegetation that serves as a link between low level vegetation and tree tops (ladder fuels).
- Prune trees so branches and leaves are at least 10-15 feet above the ground.
- Give yourself added protection with "fuel breaks," such as gravel walkways, and lawns.
- Remove any dead or dying material from yard and break up continuous patches of brush species to slow fire advance and decrease heat productivity.

Property owners who are unable to do this work themselves are encouraged to hire a licensed professional who both understand this information and can apply it to the property. MLFD maintains a list of qualified contractors that can perform this work.

**1st Inspection:**

The first inspection is done by MLFD, beginning shortly after the snow melts and continues until the first snow in the fall. Parcels found to be non-compliant are issued an inspection form detailing the problems. The homeowner is given a year to correct the identified issues.

**2nd Inspection:**

If the property is then found to be in compliance, the owner will receive a maintenance letter. Thereafter, routine inspections will be conducted periodically by MLFD.

If the property is not in compliance, the owner will be notified in person or via certified mail and the property owner will be given a citation notice. The citation will provide the owner with a time period to correct the identified problems or the individual will be assessed the fine amount. If the problems are left unaddressed, the owner will be subject to a misdemeanor.

Failure to clear your property in accordance with regulations in a timely fashion is not only expensive, but endangers the lives and homes of your neighbors, the community, and the firefighters who protect them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Used oil and batteries

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

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

### **Town & MLFD Identify Potential Safety Issue**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Community Development Department (Town) and Mammoth Lakes Fire Department (Fire District) have identified an issue with inserted wood burning fireplace installations in town. If you have either a pellet/gas insert installation or a masonry flue/chase, these types of appliances or installations are not an issue. The issue is that wood burning inserts placed into zero clearance fireplace boxes (fireplace) with factory built metal flue pipes and wooden chases may not have adequate clearance to combustible materials (wood, plywood, and/or sheetrock behind the rock, brick, metal and/or wooden material that doesn't allow you to see on the interior surface of the fireplace façade). This issue can exist in all types of residential occupancies, from single family to multi-family projects. As a result of the clearances that may not have been met, combustible materials are igniting and several fires have resulted around town. Thus far there have been no injuries, but both the Town and Fire District feel that we cannot wait until something tragic occurs before we take necessary action. At this point both agencies are hoping to educate the town population to the concern.

The original fireplace contained fires that never obtained very high burning temperatures, due to the amount of heat that went up the flue. Once the insert was installed, the appliance burned much more efficiently causing the combustibles surrounding the original installation to be exposed to significantly greater heat levels. Another factor is the amount of use the insert is experiencing. The issue is occurring throughout town; no certain complex, no certain installer, no certain type of product, nor any other common characteristic that allows the agencies to narrow down the likely installations of concern. One complex in town had 23 of 60 units show some sign of heat damage to combustibles.

Permitted installations during the last 18 to 24 months that followed the manufacturer's installation instructions have been installed correctly. The Town and Fire District do not mean to alarm anyone, but strongly believe that this situation is serious enough to inform the public on the use and installation of these types of wood burning installations. If you need any further assistance or have any questions, please contact the Fire District at (760) 934-2300 or Town at (760) 934-8989, ex 244. For more information: <http://mammothlakesfd.intuitwebsites.com>

### **Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Frequently Asked Questions**

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

#### **1. What is a transient rental?**

A transient rental is any unit that is occupied for the purpose of sleeping, lodging, or similar reasons for a period of 30 consecutive days or less in exchange for a fee or similar consideration.

## **2. Can I rent my unit as a transient rental?**

Only some zones within the Town of Mammoth Lakes permit transient rentals. The following zones permit transient rentals:

- RMF-2 (Residential Multi-family 2)
- CL (Commercial Lodging)
- CG Commercial General)
- R (Resort, including master plan areas)
- SP (Specific Plan, including North Village and Clearwater)

This list is intended as a guide only. Although the above zones permit transient use generally, other regulations, such as those found in master plans, CC&Rs, or project conditions of approval may prohibit transient rental within a particular development. Generally, transient rental of single family homes is prohibited. A zoning map can be found on the Town's website.

## **3. What is transient occupancy tax (TOT)?**

Transient occupancy tax, or TOT, is a 13% tax that is charged "for the privilege of occupancy of any transient occupancy facility." The tax is required to be paid to the operator of the transient occupancy facility at the time the rent is paid. It is the operator's responsibility to remit the TOT to the Town.

## **4. Do I need to pay TOT?**

If you are renting your unit as a transient rental, even if it is only for one weekend a year, you need to pay TOT. This includes single family homes and other units that are not permitted to rent nightly, but may be doing so illegally. TOT shall be remitted for each night the unit is rented.

## **5. Do I need a business tax certificate?**

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

## **6. Do I need a transient occupancy tax certificate?**

Yes. You are required to purchase a transient occupancy certificate for each rental unit to post in your transient rental property. This is included as part of Schedule E or F in the business tax certificate application.

## **7. What is the difference between a business tax certificate and a transient occupancy tax certificate?**

Business tax is an annual tax and is required for all business activity. The transient occupancy tax certificate is a one-time purchase that is non-transferable. This certificate is required to be posted in your transient rental unit.

## **8. Do I need a business tax certificate if all of my rentals are handled through a reservation company?**



If all of your rentals are handled through a reservation company, most reservation companies will purchase the transient occupancy tax certificate and collect and remit the TOT to the Town. You may wish to check with your reservation company to confirm that this is being taken care of. If you rent your unit by owner in addition to renting with a property management company, you are also required to obtain a separate business tax certificate and transient occupancy tax certificate.

### **9. How do I apply for a business tax certificate?**

The Town's website contains information regarding business tax certificates, including an application for a business tax certificate: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=182>. Transient Rentals fall under schedule F for condominium rentals and schedule E for hotels, motels, lodges, and campgrounds. This application can be mailed back to the Town, or submitted in person. The total cost for one unit is \$118.00 (\$65.00 application fee, \$5.00 planning review fee, \$25.00 fee to rent one unit, \$23.00 TOT certificate fee). Additional costs apply for additional units. Business tax certificates are required on or before the first day business commences; penalties will apply for late filings. If you have additional questions regarding this process please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 x245.

### **10. Do I have a business tax certificate?**

To find out if you have a valid business tax certificate on file, please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 x245 or your property management company.

### **11. What is illegal rental activity?**

Illegal rental activity is any rental activity that is not consistent with the Town's Zoning Ordinance, or any rental activity that is not compliant with the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance. This can include transient rental of units located in zones that prohibit transient rentals. It can also include transient rentals in a zone where it is permitted, but when the TOT is not remitted to the Town.

### **12. How can I report illegal rental activity?**

If you suspect illegal rental activity, you may submit an anonymous tip via the Town's TOT hotline at (760) 934-8989 x275 or on the Town's website via the Transient Occupancy Tax information page. Please include any information that you have that would substantiate the claim, along with the property address and owner's name if you have it. You may also email [tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us). Note that emails are not anonymous, however, staff will do its best to keep your information private.

### **13. Questions & Anonymous TOT Hotline**

If you have questions about TOT enforcement, or if you would like to report suspicious activity or rental advertisements please contact our anonymous hotline. The Town will follow-up on any reports submitted. The Hot Line Number is (760) 934-8989 ext. 275 or email your information to: [TOT@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:TOT@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us).

Residents of Mono County can register their cell phones to receive emergency CodeRED (reverse 911) alerts from Mono County. This is a county public service available to all Mono County residents so please tell your friends and neighbors in Mono County that they can register for this service. CodeRED announcements are for personal notification and will not replace CERT CAHAN notification. Here is how to sign register/sign up using the INTERNET:

1. Go to [monosheriff.org](http://monosheriff.org)
2. scroll down left side panel to CodeRED community notification system;
3. click on it and follow directions.

### **Leash Law Reminder**

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

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

### **Carbon Monoxide Detectors Save Lives**

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

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

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

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

For a complete list of currently approved devices please visit the SFM's website at [http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licenselisting\\_bml\\_searchcotest.php](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licenselisting_bml_searchcotest.php). Under the search categories provided select Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors for a complete list of devices.

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

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

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

### **Town Outdoor Lighting Ordinance**

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