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Town News

Town e-News – Week of February 3, 2014

News from the Town Manager

Town Council Meeting – Feb. 5

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

January Commission/Committee Meetings

- Feb. 3 Mammoth Lakes Trail System Coordinating Committee Meeting, Suite Z, 1:30PM
- Feb. 4 Recreation Commission Meeting, Suite Z, 2:00PM
- Feb. 12 Planning and Economic Development Commission Meeting, Suite Z, 2:00PM

For a complete listing of Town meetings, please visit: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/calendar.aspx>

Town Channel 51 Has Moved!

The Town's dedicated channel, TV 51 has moved to Channel 18. The move was necessitated by Suddenlink and their local programming needs. TV Channel 18 will still continue to provide access to all the Town's meetings with live and taped coverage of Town Council, and advisory body meetings such as the Planning and Economic Development Commission and Recreation Commission. For meeting dates and times, please visit: www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Calls For Service/Officer Observations

132, including 0 business/building checks

Crime/Incident Reports

12 reports, including 6 arrests

Traffic Stops/Citations/Traffic Collisions

38 stops; 2 citations; 19 parking citations; 0 skate park citations; 0 collisions

Animal Control Incidents

3 incidents; 0 reports

Wildlife

0 calls; 0 reports

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, January 31, 2014 - Saturday, February 1, 2014 = 34%

(67% same weekend in 2013, down 33% in 2014)

Sunday, February 2, 2014 - Thursday, February 6, 2014 = 18%

(35% same midweek in 2013, down 17% in 2014)

Hotels/Motels/B&B: 43% (Friday-Saturday) 18% (Sunday-Thursday)

Condos: 26% (Friday-Saturday) 19% (Sunday-Thursday)

Community News

Inyo National Forest Prescribed Fire Projects

As weather conditions permit, the White Mountain Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest will be conducting prescribed pile burning operations at sites located along the Highway 395 corridor around Crowley Lake from Tom's Place and Sunny Slopes to McGee Creek this winter.

Fire crews are taking advantage of the winter storm passing through the region to safely complete these pile burning projects.

Smoke may be visible at times from Highway 395 as well as from nearby communities. Prior to burning, much consideration goes into current and forecasted wind direction to divert much of the smoke from communities and recreation sites.

The purpose of the burning is to reduce hazardous fuels and to restore fire-adapted ecosystem conditions. These types of projects are fully supported by direction given in the National Fire Plan and the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment.

For more information regarding this project please contact Robert Bauer at the White Mountain Ranger Station at (760) 873-2541. The Inyo National Forest works closely with the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District to select days that will provide good smoke dispersal.

Mono County Health Department Influenza Update

Influenza activity continues to be widespread in most states including California, with levels above epidemic thresholds in most categories.

- Hospitals in the Eastern Sierra have not had any further hospitalizations.
- Outpatient visits at Sierra Park Clinics were decreased as of the week ending Saturday Jan 25th, but still above baseline levels.
- Influenza activity is expected to continue for the next several months, although the actual peak is not known at this time.
- Type A H1N1 "2009 swine flu" is still the most common type, with young and middle aged persons being most seriously affected.
- California is now reporting 95 deaths in persons under 65 years of age.
- It is not too late to get vaccinated.
- If you are sick – stay home from school or work!

Call your healthcare provider if you are concerned, or at high risk for complications.

The Salvation Army's Mammoth Lakes Food Bank Needs Our Help!

Folks are out of work... a slow season and no snow has many workers without work and pay! Staple Goods Are the Most Needed, Such as: Pasta, Rice, Tomato Sauces and Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jam and perhaps Spam! Please bring these items to the Health Department, located in the Minaret Village Mall, above Giovanni's.

Chamber Music Unbound Presents "Ticket to Ride" – Feb. 1

On Saturday, February 1, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. Chamber Music Unbound presents The Felici Piano Trio and guests Josefina Vergara, violin, and Jim Dell, bass, in a concert entitled "Ticket to Ride". With music by Mozart, Debussy (his early Piano Trio) and Vaughan Williams at the Cero Coso Community College. Tickets (\$20 Adult, \$15 Senior, \$7 Student) are available online (www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org), at the Booky Joint, the Inyo Council for the Arts, or at the door on concert nights.

2014 Eastside Know-How Series Resume Feb. 11

Inspired by TED Talks! Eastern Sierra locals, famous for their creativity, ingenuity and resourcefulness, will share their "How to..." secrets in six power-packed minutes each over three evenings. Eastside Know-How talks begin at 6:15 p.m. – No-host drinks and appetizers preceding talks. FREE ADMISSION.

Save these Tuesday evenings at Rafters Restaurant:

- February 11, 2014
- February 25, 2014

Donations will be accepted each evening for Disabled Sports of the Eastern Sierra (1/14), Wild Iris (2/11) and Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary (2/25). A portion of the evening's proceeds at Rafters will be donated as well according to Brent Truax, The Sierra Nevada Resort General Manager.

"The 39 Steps" Opens February 13 at The Edison Theatre

What happens when you mix an Alfred Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python, an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and a dash of romance? "The 39 Steps" of course! The two-time Tony Award-winning comedy arrives at the Edison Theatre beginning Thursday, February 13, 2014 and runs Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 4:00 pm until March 2nd.

Written by John Buchan and adapted by Patrick Barlow from an original concept by Simon Corble & Nobby Dimon, the show features three local actors and one Nevadan who play dozens of different characters in the ingenious adaptation of Hitchcock's Classic spy story. Jesse Steele of Big Pine plays the mild-mannered hero Richard Hannay, who is plunged into a maze of murder, intrigue, and romance in pre-war London. Julia Runcie of Bishop plays all the females in the story from the mysterious woman with a desperate secret that could change the fate of Europe to Hannay's romantic foil. (Runcie performs the female roles February 13th through the 23rd. Erica Sutch of Mammoth steps in for the final weekend.) Every other character from strangers on a train to the pilot of a plane flying North by Northwest is played by Clown 1 - Greg Klino of Reno and Clown 2 - Tim Casey of Mono City.

"I am very excited to be directing this talented cast in a hilarious play," said Shira Dubrovner, Artistic Director of the Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre. "Ever since I saw a production in Reno several years ago I knew this was a play I wanted to bring to Mammoth to share with locals and visitors alike. I may need to keep smelling salts on hand in case people pass out from laughing so hard."

A smash hit on Broadway, in London where it originated and is the longest running play in recent history, as well as in regional theatres across the country, "The 39 Steps" has critics and audiences raving. "Absurdly enjoyable" said the New York Times. The New York Post called it "the most entertaining show on Broadway" and the New York Daily News wrote, "Once this fun ride leaves the station, you won't want to get off."

Costume design is by Pam Bartley and set design by Tim Casey and Karrah Spitznagel based on Dubrovner's input. "I love the frenetic nature of the show and the period feel of the late '30s. Based on my experience with comedy, farces in particular, and with an understanding of how the stage at the Edison Theatre can be used," added Dubrovner, "I think the production team is doing an amazing job of bringing this story to life."

Steele was most recently seen on the Edison Theatre stage as William Barfee in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" and Boo Radley in "To Kill A Mockingbird." Runcie was most recently in the Sierra Class Theatre production of "Proof" and Sutch played the ingenue Maggie in "Lend Me a Tenor" at the MLRT. Casey was Leaf Coneybear alongside Steele in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" and Klino joins the cast from Reno. He is a regular performer in the Reno theatre scene having appeared at Reno Little Theatre where he was seen by Dubrovner in their production of "Noises Off." He is also a director and a dancer. Tickets are available online at www.EdisonTheatre.org.

FACT SHEET:

WHAT: THE 39 STEPS by John Buchan, Adapted by Patrick Barlow from an original concept by Simon Corble & Nobby Dimon
WHEN: February 13th through March 2nd - Thu-Sat @ 7pm; Sun @4 pm
WHERE: Edison Theatre, 100 College Parkway, Across from Cerro Coso College
HOW MUCH: \$20 Adults/\$18 Students and Seniors/\$10 Children
BUY TICKETS: www.EdisonTheatre.org

Recreation Department Highlights

Celebrate National Skating Month At The Mammoth Ice Rink

In celebration of U.S. Figure Skating's National Skating Month, the Mammoth Ice Rink invites you to take advantage of some fabulous January promotions and to join us for 'It's Great to Skate' Open House on Friday, January 31, 2014.

'IT'S GREAT TO SKATE' OPEN HOUSE:

Beginning at 2:30 p.m., please join us for FREE beginner level - learn to skate lessons, and youth 15 years and younger skate FREE with a paid adult admission. On February 1, at 7:00 p.m., the Mammoth Ice Rink in partnership with youth hockey is hosting the inaugural Winter Youth Hockey Classic - a fundraiser for our local players. Free entry for spectators with some great raffle prizes!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day/Date	Program	Time	Fee	Details
Fri. Jan. 31	Midweek Skate Special	11:30-2:00pm	\$5.25	All ages, includes skate rental
	'It's Great to Skate' Open House	2:30-9:00pm	FREE with paid adult	Ages 15 years and younger skate FREE with a paid adult admission. FREE beginner level - learn to skate lessons, scheduled at 3:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm and at 8:00PM. Max. 6-8 per class. FREE Logo wear and skate pass give-a-ways!
Sat. Feb. 1	Winter Youth Hockey Classic	7:00 - 8:00pm	FREE	Exhibition Game and fundraiser for Mammoth Youth Hockey

Coed Indoor Soccer Is Back!

After a six year hiatus, Mammoth Recreation is bringing back the fast-paced game of Indoor Soccer every Sunday night at the Mammoth High School Gym! The last night for pick-up is Sunday, Feb. 2 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and the league is scheduled to commence on Feb. 9 for an eight-week season. Teams will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis on. Practice Signups will be allowed after the team registration payment is made and all required paperwork is completed. Games will be played 5 v 5 (includes Keeper) and there must be one female on the playing court at all times. Please call Steph at (760) 934-8989 ext. 237 for additional information. Bring Your Game...

Youth Ice Hockey At The Mammoth Ice Rink

Don't miss out on Mammoth Lakes Lakers Youth Hockey programming at the Mammoth Ice Rink this winter!

Beginner Youth Stick Time: Monday and Wednesday Nights between 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. Learn to Pass, Shoot and Skate like a hockey player. Full pads not needed, but recommended.

Youth/Junior Hockey Pickup: Monday and Wednesday Nights from 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Any Questions or Inquiries please Email: Mammothyouthhockey@gmail.com.

Gymnastics/Tumbling Program Is Back!

Join Melissa (and Kari), our level 5 gymnastics coach here at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center for the following classes:

- * 3 yr. olds Saturday: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.
- * 4-5 yr. olds Saturday: 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. & Tuesday: 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.
- * 5-8 yr. olds Saturday: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- * 8-12+ yr. olds Tuesday: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (invitation only)
Friday: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Five session punch card for \$60, drop-ins welcome at \$15 session. Want to try it out? Try your first session for free! Please call (760) 934-8989 x222 for more information or visit 'Mammoth Gymnastics' on Facebook.

Recreation Department Launches Online Registration

In an effort to improve customer service and streamline operations, the Recreation Department – compliments of Measure R, has partnered with the Active Network to provide 24/7 web-based activity and facility reservations. To begin, visit us online at www.mammothrecreation.com, click on the *Online Activity/Facility Reservations* tab and your first step is to **"Request Account."** All you need is an email and password. The system will allow you to register online for an activity, reserve a facility or request Measure R equipment...it's fast and easy! Please drop by the office or call us at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 if we can be of assistance to you.

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, 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!

Public Service Announcements

Governor Brown Declares Drought State of Emergency

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

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

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

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

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

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

Town Administration Offices Closed to the Public On Friday

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Administrative Offices located on the second floor of the Minaret Village Mall will be closed to the public every Friday. Appointments with staff are available on Fridays by reservation only, for the submittal of plans, permits, payments, etc. so please plan ahead accordingly. There will be no changes to the daily operations of the Mammoth Lakes Police Department, Mammoth Yosemite Airport or the Public Works Department.

This office closure is an initiative to enhance the productivity and efficiency of employees. Town Council established Priorities for Fiscal Year 2013/14 that included the provision to provide sufficient resources and support to Town staff to effectively do their work. Goals of effective management include: commitment to increase IT funding, support additional funding for the replacement of the finance system, fund sufficient staffing in the Town's departments that provide critical services (finance, Public safety), and to encourage an increase in productivity without reducing service levels.

The Town encourages our residents and visitors to purchase their Recreation products or reservations online at www.mammothrecreation.com or by calling (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 Monday through Thursday.

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and TBID remitters are also able to pay their taxes conveniently online. Please copy and paste the following links in your internet browser for additional information or to create an account.

TOT: <http://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/index.aspx?nid=201>

TBID: <http://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/index.aspx?nid=550>

For additional information regarding the Friday office closure beginning January 3, 2014, or to make an appointment with staff, please call (760) 934-8989 and follow the prompts.

Winter Preparedness Tips from Mono County Sheriff

It's that time of year again! Yes, winter is slowly creeping upon us. As we all hope for that massive snow storm to strike and an epic winter season, the question remains, are you prepared for the season?

The Mono County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens and visitors alike to always be prepared for winter conditions, whether you are simply out and about in town on foot or driving across the many roadways of Mono County. Always have an emergency bag in your vehicle with extra food, water, warm clothing and shoes, and emergency supplies just in case you are stuck in your vehicle for an unknown amount of time as you try to reach your intended destination due to hazardous weather and road conditions. Remember, if you get stuck in your vehicle, stay in your vehicle until help arrives or you can safely continue on your journey. Remember to take some extra time while traveling, slow down, and obey all chain control requirements. Even those that are seasoned drivers on the Mono County roadways, please slow down and take your time when driving on the snowy conditions. This ensures your safety and those traveling around you.

Be aware of your surroundings while traveling the roadways and various communities of Mono County. Watch for snow removal equipment. This could be a large snowplow clearing the roadway or an individual shoveling a driveway or sidewalk. Both their safety and your own are important and will benefit from your awareness. Also, be aware of the various locations around Mono County that have parking restrictions during the winter months. Vehicles parked in the restricted areas will hinder necessary snow removal and be subject to citations and/or having the vehicle towed. These restrictions are in place and enforced for your safety and to allow proper snow removal for safer driving conditions for all.

Mono County utilizes what is known as the CodeRed Emergency Alert System when a critical incident or emergency situations takes place within the county. This system is a database of resident and citizen information for use only in critical and emergency situations to send critical communications from evacuation notices, to hazardous weather alerts, to missing children alerts. Your contact information remains private and is only used to contact you for community emergency communications. To register for the CodeRed emergency alerts, log on to www.monosheriff.org - Resources - CodeRed. There is also a mobile app available for all Android and Apple phones.

For more information on winter preparedness and safety, please visit the Mono County Sheriff's Office Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pages/Mono-County-

[Sheriffs-Department/597961140216123](#)) and listen to a panel radio interview, compliments of KMMT radio, on winter and emergency preparedness. The panel consists of members from the Mono County Sheriff's Department, Mammoth Lakes Police Department, Mammoth Lakes Fire Department, CERT, and California Highway Patrol. Let the experts give you the necessary tips you may be looking for to stay prepared this winter, and during other emergencies that could happen in our area!

Additional Snow Needed for Shady Rest, Obsidian Dome Nordic Trails and Snowmobiling Trails

Recent snowstorms have left the ground covered but are not providing the snow base required to use grooming equipment on the public Nordic and snowmobile trails on the Mammoth and Mono Lake Ranger Districts of the Inyo National Forest. Upon sufficient snowfall, grooming of the Shady Rest and Obsidian Dome Nordic Trails and the Groomed Snowmobile Trail System will begin.

This winter, Friends of the Inyo, a local non-profit organization, has received a Measure R grant from the Town of Mammoth Lakes to provide grooming services for the Shady Rest Nordic Trail system in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

The Nordini groomer will be back in action and operated by Friends of the Inyo providing the public, free of charge, over five miles of groomed trails for Nordic users compliments of local Measure R funds. Roads within the Old and New Shady Rest Campground and along the paved bike trail will be groomed through the winter as snow conditions allow. The Nordic trails are part of the Mammoth Lakes Trail System and will be groomed five days a week by Friends of the Inyo, with additional grooming by the U.S. Forest Service as needed. Users may access the Shady Rest Nordic Trail system by parking in the front parking area (closest to Highway 203), adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center. A groomed entrance to the trail system begins directly across from the Welcome Center.

Please remember, dogs must be on leash at all times and owners are responsible for removing dog waste from the trail system. Owners of dogs off leash or disposing of dog waste irresponsibly may be issued a citation.

The U.S. Forest Service is waiting for additional snow accumulations to begin grooming the California Department of Parks and Recreation funded snowmobile trail system and the Obsidian Dome Nordic trails. With a shallow, low density snowpack, snowmobilers should use caution and refrain from traveling in areas where snow depths are minimal. Snowmobile users are responsible for knowing all regulations and understanding closure area boundaries.

Maps and information on winter recreation in the Mammoth Lakes area and on the Inyo National Forest can be obtained at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, open daily 8:00AM to 5:00PM, by visiting the Inyo National Forest website, or by calling (760) 924-5500.

Town Amends Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code Regarding Woodstove Inserts

On March 20, 2013, Town Council adopted a resolution amending the Town ordinance establishing standards for new and reconstructed woodstove inserts. Over the last several decades, large numbers of open fireplaces in town have been modified by the installation of woodstove inserts. However, neither the Town nor the fire district nor the woodstove insert manufacturers have had clear and consistent standard governing how the inserts must be installed. The result has been

installations that have been demonstrated to be unsafe by a number of fires occurring around woodstove inserts in town.

The fire district and Town staff jointly developed installation standards for woodstove inserts, which are contained in the new ordinance. The ordinance also contains a list of approved woodstove insert manufacturers, but allows contractors and homeowners to request the building official to add other manufacturers.

The amended ordinance would require all new woodstove insert installations to meet the new standards. Recognizing that reconstruction of existing woodstove insert installations can cost several thousand dollars, the ordinance does not require immediate removal and reconstruction of existing inserts. Instead, the ordinance requires nonconforming inserts to be removed or reconstructed upon sale of the residential unit, or by October 31, 2022 if no sale of a particular unit has occurred before then.

Because the woodstove insert installation standards constitute a local amendment to the requirements of the California Mechanical Code, the ordinance includes the specific findings necessary for such local amendments. The findings acknowledge that the unique climatic, geological, and topographical conditions in Mammoth require these amendments. Please contact Town of Mammoth Acting Public Works Director Peter Bernasconi at (760) 934-8989 ext. 232 for additional information.

Mammoth Lakes Police Department Implementing Reserve & Volunteer Program

In an effort to off-set some of the impact resulting from the loss of 7 sworn officers, the Mammoth Lakes Police Department has been moving forward on developing Reserve and Volunteer Programs, and evaluating various forms of technology to help make the MLPD more efficient and effective. The following are some of the programs the MLPD is moving forward on:

RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM

On February 6, the Town Council approved the establishment of pay scales for Reserve Officers. The pay will be:

- Level 1 Reserve - \$25/hour
- Level 2 Reserve - \$23/hour
- Level 3 Reserve - \$20/hour

Providing pay for Reserve Officers will make the MLPD competitive with other local agencies that have reserve programs and serve as a recruitment and retention tool.

Anyone interested in learning more about the MLPD Reserve Program should contact Sergeant Marc Moscovitz at (760) 934-2011.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Many police departments benefit from active volunteer programs where trained volunteers assist police personnel by staffing front counters, completing reports, and providing community patrols. Retired Sergeant Karen Smart has agreed to manage the MLPD's volunteer program. At some time in the future, information will be released about the types of volunteer work available and the selection criteria. Anyone interested in volunteering with the MLPD should be on the look-out for a news release announcing the start of the program.

TECHNOLOGY

The MLPD is moving forward with technological advances on several fronts. They include:

- An on-line reporting system where certain crimes can be reported on-line.
- An on-line crime and traffic report purchase program where victims of crimes and parties in traffic collisions can purchase copies of reports on-line.
- Access to surveillance cameras at the North Village.
- Surveillance cameras at the Volcom Brothers Skatepark.

The MLPD is also exploring other technology that will make the Police Department more effective in addressing crime, the fear of crime, and quality of life issues.

Free, Real-Time Property Information Now Available!

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

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

Visit Parcel Viewer today at <http://gis.mono.ca.gov/parcelviewer/>

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Frequently Asked Questions

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

1. What is a transient rental?

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

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

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

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

This list is intended as a guide only. Although the above zones permit transient use generally, other regulations, such as those found in master

plans, CC&Rs, or project conditions of approval may prohibit transient rental within a particular development. Generally, transient rental of single family homes is prohibited. A zoning map can be found on the Town's website.

3. What is transient occupancy tax (TOT)?

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

4. Do I need to pay TOT?

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

5. Do I need a business tax certificate?

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

6. Do I need a transient occupancy tax certificate?

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Town's website contains information regarding business tax certificates, including an application for a business tax certificate: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=182>. Transient Rentals fall under schedule F for condominium rentals and schedule E for hotels, motels, lodges, and campgrounds. This application can be mailed back to the Town, or submitted in person. The total cost for one unit is \$118.00 (\$65.00 application fee, \$5.00 planning review fee, \$25.00 fee to rent one unit,

\$23.00 TOT certificate fee). Additional costs apply for additional units. Business tax certificates are required on or before the first day business commences; penalties will apply for late filings. If you have additional questions regarding this process please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 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. 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.

Register for CodeRED

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

1. Go to monosheriff.org
2. scroll down left side panel to CodeRED community notification system;
3. click on it and follow directions.

Town Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

In 2003, the Town implemented an outdoor lighting ordinance to eliminate light pollution and preserve views of our starry skies. The outdoor lighting ordinance was adopted to encourage residents to administer a lighting system that not only

promotes public safety and night-time ambiance but to maximize energy conservation. To eliminate glare and light trespass into neighboring properties and roadways, the outdoor lighting fixtures on your property should be shielded and re-directed to shine downward or changed out to a lower wattage. More information about responsible lighting can be found at www.crlaction.org.