



Town of Mammoth Lakes

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Town News

Town e-News: Week of June 26, 2017

News from the Town Manager

Town Council – Special Meeting July 7

The July 5 regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council has been cancelled. A special meeting has been scheduled for Friday, July 7, 2017 beginning at 8:15am in Suite Z. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Commission/Committee Meetings

- July 4 Recreation Commission Meeting CANCELLED
- July 12 Planning and Economic Development Commission, Suite Z, 2:00PM
- August 1 Recreation Commission Meeting, Suite Z, 9:00am

Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at Crowley Lake

The Town of Mammoth Lakes in partnership with Crowley Lake Fish Camp is extremely proud to host the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at Crowley Lake on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. The Independence Day fireworks show promises to be a bright and striking display of color in the Eastern Sierra night sky. This year’s “Sky Concert” will propel over 737 shells into the Eastern Sierra sky for a mesmerizing 20 minutes beginning at approximately 9:15 p.m. (weather permitting).

Funding for this year’s Fourth of July show has been generously donated by Mono County Community Services Area 1, L.D.C, and from the Town’s general fund, however, additional funds are still needed to produce this spectacular event. Consider making a donation in support of our enduring Independence Day celebration. The Chamber of Commerce strongly believes that the annual Fourth of July fireworks display is a unique and not-to-be-missed event for both visitors and residents. Help us make this year’s celebration one to remember

Please make your contributions to the Mammoth Community Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, making your contribution tax deductible. Please contact Jessica Kennedy, Assistant Director Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce at (760) 934-2712 ext.1315 for donation information.

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

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

- No personal fireworks are permitted within Mono County, including the Inyo National Forest (INF), and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. Be smart; leave the fireworks to the professionals!
- Due to EXTREME FIRE DANGER, the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District, Long Valley Fire Department, Mammoth Lakes Police Department, California Highway Patrol and Mono County Sheriff will enforce a "zero tolerance" policy with respect to the possession and use of fireworks. Fireworks violations will be strictly enforced.
- Please obey road closure and no parking signs. Parking is NOT permitted along Highway 395 or Crowley Lake Drive at any time. Do not park in fire lanes.
- The Mono County Sheriff's Office will be patrolling on Crowley Lake during the fireworks show. Do not boat within 100 yards of the fireworks detonation site at Hilton Bay and proper night-time navigation lighting is required.
- 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 Parks and Recreation Department at (760) 965-3690.

Fireworks Prohibited in the Town of Mammoth Lakes

All fireworks are prohibited in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, regardless if "safe and sane" or not. In addition, personal use of fireworks is **prohibited** in the non-incorporated areas of Mono County, on the Inyo National Forest (INF), and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands.

Due to **HIGH FIRE DANGER** resulting from recent high temperatures and large anticipated holiday crowds, 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. Fireworks violations will be strictly enforced.

Due to the wet winter that the Town of Mammoth enjoyed, there is an abundant crop of grasses all over town and throughout the county. The grass species will efficiently carry a fire quickly into other vegetative species resulting in the possibility of a well-established fire. Depending on temperature, time of day, and wind, the incident could threaten lives and property.

Enjoy and celebrate the holiday in a safe and responsible manner, and feel free to attend the scheduled Fourth of July firework shows. There will be fireworks shows on Saturday, July 1 at the summit of Mammoth Mountain, in The Village at Mammoth on Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4 at Crowley Lake.

With hot temperatures, the snow at the higher elevations is melting and the creeks in the Eastern Sierras are rising. The creeks are filling their banks and in some cases overflowing and resulting in property damage. The swiftness and the cold temperature of the water, while inviting can be very dangerous. Be watchful of

children, pets, and the closeness of anyone in your party to the stream channel. Respect the velocity and strength of the streams, recognize that being in the water has the potential of being life threatening, enjoy the beauty from a distance, and stay safe.

For additional information on either of these items, 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.

Leash Your Dog – It’s The Law

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

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

MLTO 6.12.210 Dog at large - *It is unlawful for any person owning, harboring, or having the care, custody or possession of any dog within the town limits of Mammoth Lakes to allow such dog to run at large. All such dogs shall be kept securely fastened by a chain, rope or leash unless securely confined within private property legally controlled by the person in possession of the dog. Further, any dog off the premises of its owner, or the person charged with the care, custody or possession of the dog, shall be presumed to be at large unless it is securely fastened to a rope, chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length and is under the immediate physical control of a competent person.*

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

Town Conducting Road Maintenance on Main Street

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has contracted with Spiess Construction to reconstruct the retaining walls and construct new sidewalks along the north side of SR-203 from Minaret Road to Mountain Boulevard. Construction preparation will occur on North Main St between Mountain Blvd and Minaret Blvd. No traffic delays will be implemented until further notice. Still use caution and be aware of any workers within the site.

Work will be continue until November 2016 and will affect pedestrian and vehicular traffic. If you require further information or have issues during the construction please feel free to contact: Jamie Robertson, Assistant Engineer at (760) 965-3653.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Vacancies on Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District

There are currently five vacancies for expired terms for the Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District to be filled by appointment of the Mono County Board of Supervisors. These five vacancies are for members of the Board of Trustees, which are appointed at-large for either two or four year terms at the Board of Supervisors' discretion, and will serve without compensation.

Qualifications for appointment:

- Voter in Mono County and resident of portion of Mono County within District;
- A member of town council may be appointed if meets other qualifications;
- Experience, training, and education in fields that will assist in the governance of the District; and
- Represents interests of the public as a whole.

Individuals interested in serving on the Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees should submit an application to the Clerk of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 715, Bridgeport, CA 93517. You may obtain an application by contacting the Clerk's office at (760) 932-5534 or by visiting our web page.

Posted: 5/22/17 at Mono County Clerk's Office, Bridgeport Library, Mammoth Library, and www.monocounty.org/bos; also sent to newspaper for publication on 5/22/17. Please review the vacancy notice: <http://www.mono.ca.gov/bos/page/special-district-vacancy-notice>.

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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.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov, 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.

TV 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.

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, June 23, 2017	70%
Saturday, June 24, 2017	76%
Sunday, June 25, 2017	55%
Monday, June 26, 2017	33%
Tuesday, June 27, 2017	33%
Wednesday, June 28, 2017	35%
Thursday, June 29, 2017	36%
Friday, June 30, 2017	51%

If you're a lodging property and would like to sign up to report your numbers, please contact John Urdi at Jurdi@visitmammoth.com or (760) 934-2712 ext. 1259

Please remember that the projected occupancy is calculated in order to assist the business community with staffing levels and product ordering. The actual occupancy percentages are reported from the lodging industry to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Finance Department.

Community News

Inyo National Forest Opens Lakes Basin Road

The Inyo National Forest opened the Lakes Basin Road on June 21. While the road has been plowed, employees have continued with routine road maintenance such as filling pot holes and clearing culverts. They are still widening and opening parking lots covered in snow, placing dumpsters and porta potties, removing hazard trees and energizing water systems.

"I would like to acknowledge the tireless work of the Town of Mammoth Lakes maintenance crews, the forest's engineering and fire staff, and numerous others who have made the effort to open the Lakes Basin Road," said Jon Regelbrugge, Mammoth and Mono Lakes District Ranger. "It is no small feat to clear this area after this winter."

Horseshoe Lake remains closed. The area is still under snow, which traps the naturally occurring carbon dioxide. Additionally, the Old Mammoth Road to Lakes Basin remains closed with significant storm damage.

There is currently no potable water in Forest Service areas so visitors should bring water with them or may be able to purchase water from concessionaires as they open.

Visitors should expect significant snow still in the area, including on trails and on many popular recreation sites like campgrounds and marinas. Parking will be limited. Other areas may be flooded as snow melts.

Additionally, visitors should expect that the lakes are still partially ice covered. It is in no way safe to traverse the lakes. Creeks and streams are flowing at dangerous levels: please avoid them and keep close track of children and pets.

"While we welcome people to come and enjoy the beauty of the Lakes Basin area," said Shields Richardson, Mayor, Town of Mammoth Lakes, "please take care to experience the area safely."

50th Mammoth Motocross & Village Summer Jam – June 24

TRAFFIC & TRANSIT ADVISORY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24

The longest running moto in the U.S. is turning 50. Celebrate with seven days of thrilling competitions at the infamous "track" – this event cannot be missed. Riders have ventured to six qualifying stops in California on their Road to Mammoth.

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) would like to notify motorists and guests of the scheduled traffic control measures and route changes on Saturday, June 24, 2017 for the Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross Village Bash produced by MMSA. Below is an outline of the scheduled traffic and transit impacts taking place as a result of this event.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Lower Canyon Boulevard will be closed between Lake Mary Rd. and Hillside Dr. from 11AM–12PM.

TRANSIT ADVISORY

- Mammoth Bike Park Shuttle New Route: Down Minaret Road, turn around near Sierra Star Golf Course, stop across from the New York Deli in The Village.
- Lakes Basin Trolley New Route: Lake Mary Road to "The Voodoo Chute," turn on Lakeview toward Canyon Blvd., crossing on Hillside to reach Forest Trail and then stopping on Minaret in front of The Village below the Main Plaza.
- Town Trolley New Route: Main St to Minaret Rd., wrap around The Village on Forest Trail and Hillside, then up to Canyon Lodge and down Lakeview.

An evening of entertainment on Canyon Blvd in The Village. Riders and sponsors from the Mammoth Motocross track will get in on a little friendly Pit Bike competition on a snow and dirt covered course. The evening will cap off with live music on The Plaza Stage as part of The Village Summer Jam, plus plenty of food vendors and outdoor bars.

2nd Annual Music 'n Moonshine at the Mammoth Museum at the Hayden Cabin – June 24

WHERE: 5489 Sherwin Creek Road, Mammoth Lakes

WHEN: Saturday, June 24, 2017

TIME: 6:00 p.m. 'till dark

COST: \$10.00 at the door. Featuring California Native and "Nashville star" Kevin Marcy

DETAILS: Bring a picnic, blanket or lawn chairs and come on out to join us on the Hayden Cabin lawn for some great music, dancin' and socializin'. There will be a no host Whiskey Bar (and some other moonshine too!). Please wear appropriate clothing and foot wear to this outdoor venue. Donations to the museum are always thought kindly of and we would love to see you become a Southern Mono Historical Society member, too!

CONTACT INFO: (760) 934-6918 www.mammothmuseum.org

info@mammothmuseum.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/www.mammothmuseum.org

The State of the Inyo – June 23

Mono Lake Ranger District

Roads open: Monitor Pass (Hwy 89), Sonora Pass (Hwy 108), Bodie (Hwy 270), Lundy Canyon, Panum Crater, Hwy 120 E (Benton), June Lake Loop (Hwy 158), Parker Lake Rd.

Roads closed: Tioga Pass (Hwy 120 W) at the park entrance, Saddlebag Lake Rd.
Closed due to flooding: Part of Lower Lee Vining, Big Bend, Moraine.

Campgrounds open: Part of Lower Lee Vining, Lundy Canyon (county), Aerie Crag, Gull Lake, June Lake, Oh Ridge, Reversed Creek, Silver Lake, Glass Creek, Big Springs.

Campgrounds closed: Aspen Grove, Sawmill Walk-in, Saddlebag Lake, Saddlebag Trailhead Group Camp, Tioga Lake, Upper and Lower Deadman, Obsidian Flat Group, Ellery Lake, Hartley Springs, Junction.

The Mono Basin Visitor Center is open seven days a week, 8:00 am -5:00 pm.

Mammoth Ranger District

Roads open: Convict Lake, Hot Creek Hatchery, Inyo Craters, Lakes Basin, Laurel Canyon (snow level 9,000 ft.), Mammoth Creek, Mammoth Scenic Loop.

Roads closed: Old Mammoth Rd. to Lakes Basin (storm damage), Reds Meadow Valley Road.

Campgrounds open: Crowley Lake (BLM), Convict Lake, Mammoth Mtn. RV Park (private, year round), New Shady Rest, Old Shady Rest, Sherwin Creek, Brown's Owens River (private).

Campgrounds closed: Agnew Meadows, Agnew Meadows Group, Agnew Meadows Horse Campground, Coldwater, Devils Postpile (NPS), Lake George, Lake Mary, Minaret Falls, Pine City, Pine Glen Family/Group, Pumice Flat, Pumice Flat Group, Reds Meadow, Twin Lakes (est. 6/29), Upper Soda Springs.

The Mammoth Welcome Center is open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm daily.

Devils Postpile Ranger Station is closed. No estimated opening date.

White Mountain Ranger District

CARMA restoration area closure has moved. The main entrance gate on road 8S40 (east gate) to the restoration site will remain gated and locked. The western entrance of 8S40 is now open, allowing access to the roads 8S40B and 35E306. At road 35E306, road 8S40 is now gated and closed to motorized vehicle travel. The public is asked to respect the restoration efforts being made and not travel with motorized vehicles beyond the closed gates or park off of established roadways where vegetative seeding has occurred.

Roads open: McGee Creek Rd., Rock Creek Rd., Buttermilk Rd. (storm damage), Hwy 168 to Lake Sabrina, South Lake Rd., Big Pine Canyon (Glacier Lodge) Rd., White Mt. Rd one mile before Patriarch turn-off, Silver Canyon Rd., Wyman Canyon Rd. (condition of road unknown, expect difficult conditions).

Roads closed: North Lake Rd. (flooding), White Mt. Rd. one mile before the Patriarch Grove turn-off (snow).

Campgrounds open: McGee Creek, Iris Meadow, Big Meadow, East Fork, Pine Grove, Rock Creek Lake, Mosquito Flat Backpacker, Tuff, French Camp, Aspen Group Camp, Bitterbrush, Bishop Park, Bishop Park Group, Big Trees, Forks, Four Jeffrey, Intake 2, Mountain Glen, Table Mountain Group, Sabrina, Willow, Sage Flat, Upper Sage Flat, Clyde Glacier Group Camp, Palisade Glacier Group Camp, Grandview (no water, no trash service, firewood is limited), Cedar Flat Group Camp, Horton Creek (BLM), Pleasant Valley Pit (BLM), Pleasant Valley (County).

Campground closed: Holiday, Goodale (BLM) (flooded), North Lake (road flooded), Big Pine Creek.

The Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest Visitor Center is open, seven days a week, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

The White Mountain Ranger Station Visitor Center is open seven days a week, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Mt Whitney Ranger District:

Roads open: Foothill Rd., Division Creek Rd., Haiwee Canyon Rd., Mazourka Canyon Rd., Movie Rd., Sage Flat Rd., Onion Valley Rd., Whitney Portal Rd, Horseshoe Meadow Rd.

Campgrounds open: Boulder Creek RV Resort, Diaz Lake (County), Upper and Lower Grays Meadow, Lone Pine Campground, Independence Creek (County), Kennedy Meadows, Portagee Joe (County), Tuttle Creek (BLM) Whitney Portal, Whitney Portal Trailhead, Cottonwood Lakes/ Pass Trailhead, Horseshoe Meadow Equestrian.
Campground closed: Onion Valley.

The Eastern Sierra Visitor Center in Lone Pine is open daily from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Mammoth Mountain Cross Country Mountain Bike Team – July 1

Join the Mammoth Mountain XC MTB Team this summer. Season starts July 1 and literally rolls through October 15. Our team is composed of high school and middle school athletes of all abilities. Our goal is to get kids out riding bikes with their friends in the eastern sierras. We strive to create lifelong cyclists and have a focus on enjoyment of rolling on two wheels! Ride leaders and assistant coaches encouraged to join. Please contact Pam Lonza at Mammoth Mountain to obtain more information and register for the team. Her number is 760-934-0795 or email at plonza@mammothresorts.com.

Parks and Recreation Department Highlights

Registration For Our Summer Programs Is Now Open

Registration can be completed at the following URL: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/mammothrecreation/Home>. To view program offerings, click on the "Activities" tab. In order to register, you will need to create an account. To create an account, follow the link on the upper right hand side of the page for "Create an Account." If you have any additional questions, or need assistance with creating your account online, please contact Lindsey Lyon at (760) 965-3699 or llyon@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Whitmore Pool Now Open For Public Swimming!

The Whitmore Pool is an outdoor facility located on Benton Crossing Road, nine miles south of Mammoth Lakes off US HWY 395. This six-lane, outdoor 25 meter pool also includes a children's wading pool, hot showers, changing rooms, shade and picnic area, snacks & beverages and complimentary Wi-Fi.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Whitmore Pool is open 7-days a week with public swimming offered Monday-Friday from 12:30-3:30pm and from 10:00-4:00pm on Saturday and 12:00-4:00pm on Sunday. Join us for midweek lap swim, swim lessons (begins June 19), and don't miss our Stroke Improvement Class with Coach Sam every Thursday at 5:30pm. Registration is also available at the pool for the 'World's Largest Swim Lesson' on Thursday, June 22.

SUMMER PROMOTIONS

NEW Loyalty Card Program: Participate in our new loyalty program and your 6th visit is FREE! This pass is redeemable at the Whitmore Pool or the Mammoth Ice Rink – no expiration. Excludes season passes, 5 Swim Pass, rentals, concessions and showers.

NEW Whitmore 50 Challenge: The Whitmore 50 is a self-directed program intended to encourage swimmers to regularly exercise and track their progress. Participants enter swimming distances on a daily sign-out sheet that is managed and updated by staff. Total distances will be updated weekly and participants are recognized when they achieve 10 miles, 25 miles and 50 miles.

NEW FREE Swim Sundays: Join us at the pool for FREE Swim Sundays on opening day (June 17), Sunday, July 30 and Sunday, August 27, 2017.

INFORMATION

For additional information, rates and opening times, please call the Whitmore Pool (760) 965-3692, the Parks and Recreation Department office (760) 965-3690 or visit us online at www.mammothrecreation.com. The Town of Mammoth Lakes is committed to providing the most enjoyable outdoor aquatics experience possible.

Tennis at the Community Courts

Adult Drop-In Clinics are available with coach Kyle for intermediate and advanced adults Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:30-5:30pm for \$10. Come by, check it out and improve those skills! Also, be sure to inquire about our Adult Doubles Tennis Camp and Social. Camps run July 25-27 and August 1-3 from 9am-12pm for only \$80. Register today by calling (760) 709-3699.

Public Service Announcements

Beware of Deer on the Roads

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) would like to notify motorists that deer are out and about in the Eastern Sierra. Due to the snowy conditions, deer are venturing out onto the roadways to escape from the snow. Motorists should watch for deer as they are commuting especially during the dawn and dusk times of the day. Slow down and be vigilant!

Ways to Prevent a Collision with a Deer:

1. Slow Down. Motorists should take it slow especially with the low temperatures and icy conditions.

2. Watch for the rest of the gang. Deer are pack animals, and rarely travel alone. If a deer crosses in front of you, chances are there are more nearby. Slow down and keep an eye out for more deer darting across the road.
3. Timing is everything. Deer are most active at dusk and dawn: periods when your vision is most compromised. Slow down and stay alert, especially after dark.
4. Wear your seatbelt. It may not prevent a collision, but if the inevitable happens a seatbelt can reduce injuries.
5. Look. First, look for the road signs. The yellow diamond shaped signs with the deer on it are placed in high-traffic areas for deer. You may also spot a deer because their eyes will brightly reflect a car's headlights, making them easier to spot.
6. Stay Center. On a multi-lane road, the center lane is your safest bet for avoiding a deer collision, as long as your local traffic laws permit it. This gives deer plenty of space; and in case your vehicle does startle them, it gives you more time to react if one darts onto the road.
7. Stay the course. If you see a deer, brake firmly and calmly, and stay in your lane. Swerving could make you lose control of your vehicle and turn a bad situation much worse. Not to mention, deer are unpredictable, and you could swerve directly into their changed path.
8. Honk! Some experts recommend that one long blast of the horn will scare deer out of the road. Do not rely on hood whistles or other devices designed to scare off deer — studies have shown them to be largely ineffective at minimizing traffic incidents.

What to do if you hit a deer.

1. Pull to the side of the road as soon as it is safe to do so.
2. Turn on your hazard lights and remain in the vehicle until you are sure it is safe.
3. Call emergency services if injuries are involved or the local police for property damage.
4. Stay away from the deer. If it is still alive, it could be confused, injured and dangerous if approached. When contacting the authorities, let them know if the deer is in a dangerous spot on the road so that it can be removed.

For more deer migration information visit the Caltrans District 9 webpage: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d9/deer.html>

Town Installs Hawk Signal in The Village

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has installed a High-intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) to improve pedestrian safety at the Minaret Road crosswalk adjacent to The Village. The HAWK signal is a pushbutton-activated pedestrian signal designed to aid pedestrian crossing at a mid-block crosswalk and reduce the amount of delay for vehicles. The HAWK signal differs from conventional traffic signals because it only becomes operational when activated by a pedestrian, allowing for normal traffic to flow unimpeded until pedestrians need to cross and minimizes wait time for vehicular traffic. Data suggests the pedestrian activated safety devices led to a 29% reduction in total crashes, a 69% reduction in pedestrian crashes, and a 15% reduction in severe crashes (2010 FHWA before-and-after study).

What Drivers Should Know: Pedestrian hybrid beacons are only activated by pedestrians wishing to cross a street press the signal button. If the lights of the beacon are dark, vehicles can proceed through the crosswalk. Flashing yellow lights usually last around three seconds, during which the driver should prepare to stop. A

solid yellow light indicates the driver must stop. Once the light turns red, pedestrians will cross. Flashing red lights indicate that if there are no pedestrians in the walk, the driver may proceed through the walk with caution. After the flashing red lights, the signal will go dark again, and vehicles may freely pass through the intersection again. Additional information may be found at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Offices, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R or on the website.

Town Of Mammoth Lakes Updates Phone System Taking Advantage Of Digital 395

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is excited to announce that the aging old analog phone system has been upgraded to a new digital Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system. The introduction of Digital 395 into our community allowed the Town to benefit from a robust fiber-optic network which provides connectivity between Town facilities. The network provides the opportunity to leverage Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) based communication to replace the aging phone system, which not only offers better connectivity in a modern and maintained system, but also reduces costs.

The new phone system will offer a significant improvement in functionality and ease of use for Town staff while providing more efficient integration between all seven of the Town's facilities, offering staff the ability to call any employee at any location simply by dialing the extension. Additionally, the system will provide a variety of options for call handling and routing, voicemail, auto-attendant/phone tree options, and mobility. All of these enhancements will greatly help Town staff with their day-to-day responsibilities of serving the public and providing high quality customer service. Improved access to Town Departments and employees and connectivity between Town operations will enhance public access and Town responsiveness.

As a result of these improvements, all of the Town's phone numbers will be changing, effective Thursday, June 23, 2016. Each department will have its own direct phone line and each employee will have a new extension number.

Below is a list of the new department phone numbers:

- Administration - (760) 965-3600
- Airport - (760) 965-3620
- Community and Economic Development - (760) 965-3630
- Engineering - (760) 965-3650
- Finance - (760) 965-3660
- Public Works Yard - (760) 965-3680
- Parks and Recreation - (760) 965-3690
- Police Department - (760) 965-3700

The new VoIP system will replace the Town's 20-year old Nortel analog phone system which is no longer supported, difficult to maintain, and not interconnected between Town locations. The new system furthers the Town Council's goal of using enhanced technology to improve Town operations, enhance customer service, and reduce costs.

Please be patient with us while we transition to our new system. For a full list of employee phone numbers, please visit our website at www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Important Information for Verizon Customers

As of April 1, Verizon customers in California, Texas, and Florida will now be serviced by Frontier Communications. Residents should expect to have the same exceptional FiOS TV, Internet, and phone service from the new telecommunications provider.

Existing Verizon customers can request more information regarding their Internet service provider transition by clicking on this link: <http://internet.frontier.com/fios-network-acquisition/>. If you have questions regarding establishing Frontier service or switching to Frontier from your current service provider, please click on the following link: <http://internet.frontier.com/California/>

Town's Owner-Occupant Housing Rehabilitation Program

California Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") has awarded the Town of Mammoth Lakes a \$186,047 grant to administer a Housing Rehabilitation Program. Mammoth Lakes Housing, Inc. (MLH) as the "Program Operator," will administer the program. The funding may be used by property owners to update homes, attend to deferred maintenance, and address energy efficiency.

Property owners in Mammoth Lakes can benefit from this subsidy in the form of deferred payment loans, below market interest rate loans, and grants. Owners may use program funds to rehabilitate their home for the following eligible improvements:

1. **Correct health and safety issues;**
2. **Converting to current Uniform Building Code;**
3. **Energy conservation improvements;**
4. **Extension of useful life** (includes repairing siding, sheet rock, painting, new flooring, new cabinets, new interior doors, gutters and foundation upgrades and repairs); and
5. **General property improvements.**

To qualify for program funding, an existing homeowner must occupy the home and the household income must be equal to, or less than the following:

1 person	\$43,250
2 person	\$49,400
3 person	\$55,600
4 person	\$61,750
5 person	\$66,700
6 person	\$71,650
7 person	\$76,600
8 person	\$81,550

Units must be located within the Town of Mammoth Lakes in order to qualify for rehabilitation funds. General property improvements that enhance the overall exterior appearance of the property will be limited to 15% of the rehabilitation loan amount.

Funds will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis until all funding is exhausted. All interested Mammoth Lakes property owners are encouraged to immediately contact Mammoth Lakes Housing for additional information, eligibility requirements, and an application.

Eastern Sierra Transit Expands Mammoth Express Route!

Eastern Sierra Transit is making your commute between Bishop and Mammoth a little easier. Starting Monday, July 6, 2015, there will two additional runs on the Mammoth Express route to accommodate an 8 to 5 work schedule in Mammoth. The bus will depart Bishop Kmart/Vons Center at 6:50am. There is a 5:20pm and now 7:00pm departure from Mammoth to accommodate those who may need to work a little later or want to stay in Mammoth for dinner.

The new departure times are:

North from Bishop - Kmart/Vons			
6:50am	7:30am	1:00pm	6:10pm

South from Mammoth - McDonalds			
7:50am	2:05pm	5:20pm	7:00pm

The Mammoth Express also stops at Tom’s Place (by request only) and at the Crowley Lake Community Center. All busses have bike racks available on a first come first served basis.

Commuting with Eastern Sierra Transit is very economical. There are several pass options available to reduce the cost of commuting even further. Discounted one-way fares and 10-puch passes are offered to seniors 60+, disabled, and youth 5-16.

MAMMOTH EXPRESS FARES

		Adult	Disc	10-Punch	10-P Disc	1 Week	2 Week
Bishop to:	Mammoth	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$63.00	\$54.00	\$52.50	\$98.00
Tom's Place to:	Mammoth	\$4.00	\$3.50	\$36.00	\$31.50	\$30.00	\$56.00
Crowley to:	Mammoth	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$27.00	\$22.50	\$22.50	\$42.00

Contact ESTA at 760.872-1901 ext. 20 for more information or visit the website at www.estransit.com

Sierra Conservation Project and Town of Mammoth Lakes Partner to Expand Condominium and Business Recycling Program

The Sierra Conservation Project, Inc. (SCP) and Town of Mammoth Lakes are pleased to announce the expansion of the current condominium, commercial and recreational area recycling programs in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

“This long-standing and successful partnership between the Sierra Conservation Project and the Town enabled us to submit and receive a substantial \$108,000 CalRecycle grant to expand on-going recycling programs within the community that benefits our residents, visitors and wildlife,” stated Peter Bernasconi, Acting Public Works Director for the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

The Sierra Conservation Project is working in partnership with the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Department of Recourses Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to provide an additional 30 bear proof containers to the remaining Condominium complexes in town that currently don’t have a recycling program in place. In addition, CalRecycle grant funds will enable SCP to upgrade all commercial bear

proof containers at restaurants, bars and other business locations in town, including the enhancement and placement of recycling infrastructure in the Lakes Basin and at key park locations in Mammoth Lakes, such as the Whitmore Recreation Area and Shady Rest Park.

Recyclable materials make up a large percentage of the waste produced in our residential complexes and businesses,” stated Brian Robinette, owner of SCP. “These community-based programs aim to divert recyclable materials from our local landfill, while also educate our residents and visitors on the need for need for convenient recycling programs. We are confident that by providing start-up infrastructure for these complexes and businesses it will help make program implementation affordable and reduce the environmental impacts of each resident and guest,” said Robinette.

To register for the Condominium Recycling Program, please visit www.recyclesierra.com or www.Townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

For additional information on the **Condominium and Business Recycling Program**, please contact Sierra Conservation Project at (760) 914 0115 or e-mail Brian@recyclesierra.com.

Would You Leave A Loaded Gun on the Floor?

If you have children in your home, hopefully you would not! However, a new threat to the health of our children is emerging. These are e-liquids, sold legally in stores and online in small bottles that may be carelessly and casually left around the house, used for the regular re-filling of e-cigarettes.

The danger is from the nicotine content in these vials of “juice”. Children can happen upon a vial and ingest it. These fluids come in flavors and bright colors that are attractive for kids – cotton candy, cherry, chocolate, and bubble gum among others. In addition, nicotine – is absorbed through the skin, presenting a risk from a broken vial.

Electronic cigarettes, called e-cigarettes, are drug delivery devices originally designed to look like regular tobacco cigarettes. Now they are larger reusable gadgets that can be refilled with liquid, generally a mixture of nicotine, flavorings, and solvents. It is estimated that roughly four million Americans use these battery powered devices. They have been hailed by proponents as a way for addicted smokers to get their nicotine fix without sucking in the thousands of carcinogens found in traditional cigarettes.

However, the evidence of their effectiveness in assisting persons in weaning off their nicotine addiction is less than stellar. In addition, evidence is rapidly mounting that they are serving as a “gateway” for young teens into the world of nicotine addiction. A recent study found nearly 1.8 million youth had tried e-cigarettes, and the number of middle and high school e-smokers doubled in one year. No wonder the industry targets the young who will be potential customers for decades to come! Their goal – to have the number of e-smokers quadruple in the next few years.

So how bad is the risk of exposure? Nicotine is a naturally occurring powerful neurotoxin, and in its potent liquid form, can be ingested or absorbed through the skin. Tiny amounts can cause vomiting, seizures, and even death. A teaspoon of even the highly diluted liquid can kill a small child.

A dose of 50 to 60 milligrams (mg) is potentially fatal for an adult; a 30 pound child could die from 1.36 mg. A vial of e-juice as commonly sold in retail stores is 17 milliliters, and with a 2.4% concentration would have 408 mg of nicotine. This year it is estimated that 1 to 2 million LITERS of liquid will be sold, much of it on the Internet. A liter of 10% concentration costs about \$110, a gallon \$195, and one company even offers a 55 gallon drum!

Nationwide, reports of accidental poisonings linked to e-liquids in 2013 jumped 300% from 2012, and is on pace to double again this year. Most cases are under the age of 4. A shop owner says that "We tell them that this stuff is poisonous. We do everything we can to protect the consumers, but at the end of the day, you leave a loaded gun on the floor, and your child gets hold of it, it's not gonna be the gunmaker's responsibility." A CEO of e-cigarette franchises says "It's the wild, wild west right now." There is no FDA regulation so far. So at the moment, if you are a user, your child has to go no farther than your own home to find a lethal dose of poison. Be aware of the risks, and keep vials out of reach. You are responsible for the safety of your children.

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!

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Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Frequently Asked Questions

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

What is a transient rental?

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

Can I rent my unit as a transient rental?

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

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

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

What is transient occupancy tax (TOT)?

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

Do I need to pay TOT?

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

Do I need a business tax certificate?

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

Do I need a transient occupancy tax certificate?

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

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

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

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

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

How do I apply for a business tax certificate?

The Town's website contains information regarding business tax certificates, including an application for a business tax certificate: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=182>. Transient Rentals fall under schedule F for condominium rentals and schedule E for hotels, motels, lodges, and campgrounds. This application can be mailed back to the Town, or submitted in person. The total cost for one unit is \$118.00 (\$65.00 application fee, \$5.00 planning review fee, \$25.00 fee to rent one unit, \$23.00 TOT certificate fee). Additional costs apply for additional units. Business tax certificates are required on or before the first day business commences; penalties will apply for late filings. If you have additional questions regarding this process please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 273.

Do I have a business tax certificate?

To find out if you have a valid business tax certificate on file, please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 273 or your property management company.

What is illegal rental activity?

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

How can I report illegal rental activity?

If you suspect illegal rental activity, you may submit an anonymous tip via the Town's TOT hotline at (760) 934-8989 ext. 275 or on the Town's website via the Transient Occupancy Tax information page. Please include any information that you have that would substantiate the claim, along with the property address and owner's name if you have it. You may also email tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us. Note that emails are not anonymous, however, staff will do its best to keep your information private.

Questions & Anonymous TOT Hotline

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

Register for CodeRED

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

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

Town Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

In 2003, the Town 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.