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Town Announcements

Celebrate the Fourth of July in the Town of Mammoth Lakes

Celebrate Independence Day this weekend in a fun, safe and responsible manner in Mammoth Lakes. Many family-friendly and popular events are scheduled on July 4 including the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Footloose Freedom Mile, Arts on the 4th, Chamber of Commerce Parade, Pops in the Park and the traditional Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at Crowley Lake.

To plan your July 4, please visit the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce website that includes links to events including a detailed map of the routes, closures and detours.



More information: MammothLakesChamber.org

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

- **Personal fireworks are prohibited** 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, including safe and sane. Fireworks violations will be strictly enforced.

Celebrate the Fourth of July with a Spectacular Fireworks Show at Crowley Lake

The Town of Mammoth Lakes in partnership with Crowley Lake Fish Camp is extremely proud to bring back the [Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular](#) to Crowley Lake this Sunday, July 4, 2021. This year's custom designed "Sky Concert" will propel over 851 shells into the Eastern Sierra sky for a mesmerizing 17 minutes beginning at approximately 9:15pm. The show will simulcast live on KMMT 106.5 – tune in and enjoy!

The Town of Mammoth Lakes would like to acknowledge L.D.C. and Mono County Community Services Area 1 for their generous donations and long-standing support of this family-friendly event at Crowley Lake.

Come early and enjoy live Americana music compliments of Devil's Box String Band playing from 6-8pm. The Pelican Point Grill will also be serving Tri-Tip and pulled pork sandwiches from noon to 8pm (or till the food runs out) with Mammoth Brewing Company beer on tap for only \$5! Admission to the Fourth of July Fireworks Show is once again only \$25.00 per vehicle (excludes camping), and \$5.00 for walk-ins (children 12 & under are free).

California Moves "Beyond The Blueprint"

Effective June 15, 2021, California fully reopened with capacity and distancing restrictions lifted for most businesses and activities (with limited exceptions for mega-events) based upon a number of general public health recommendations. The state officially moved "Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy" by lifting the California Department of Public Health [Blueprint Activity and Business Tiers chart](#) introduced on August 28, 2020.

Guidance for Individuals:

Masks will NOT be required for fully vaccinated individuals, except in the following settings where masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- On public transit (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares) and in transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina, train station, seaport or other port, subway station, or any other area that provides transportation)
- Indoors in K-12 schools, childcare and other youth settings. Note: This may change as updated K-12 schools guidance is forthcoming, pending updates for K-12 operational guidance from the CDC.
- Healthcare settings (including long term care facilities)
- State and local correctional facilities and detention centers
- Homeless shelters, emergency shelters and cooling centers

Additionally, masks are required for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public)

For additional information, individuals should refer to [CDC Recommendations for Safer Activities](#) and the [June 9, 2021 CDPH Masking Guidance](#) for more information.

Mono County Announces Covid-19 Vaccine Transition Plan

Effective July 1, Mono County Public Health's walk-in clinics will be winding down to twice per month as local partners, including Mammoth Hospital, join us in administering COVID-19 (Coronavirus) vaccines. Safe, free, and effective COVID-19 vaccines are now available to everyone age 12 and up. Mono County Public Health urges unvaccinated residents and visitors to join the millions of Californians who've already been vaccinated in an effort to help end the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Public Health walk-in clinics have proven successful over the past several months, and nearly 65% of our eligible population is fully vaccinated against COVID-19," stated Bryan Wheeler, Mono County Director of Public Health. *"While we are proud of the progress we've made, the virus is still present in Mono County, and positive cases continue to pop-up amongst our unvaccinated residents and visitors. In addition, we're experiencing severe variants throughout the United States, threatening our positivity rate, and potentially stressing our local healthcare system. We continue to urge residents and visitors to get vaccinated in an effort to protect our community."*

Mono County residents and visitors are encouraged to visit the California Department of Public Health's My Turn website at myturn.ca.gov to check for local appointments, and schedule your COVID-19 vaccination. Mammoth Hospital, Vons, and Rite Aid have all joined in the vaccination effort, and appointments are available via My Turn. In addition to scheduling your appointment via the My Turn website, appointments can be made directly with your medical provider, and at Mammoth Hospital.

Individuals who need assistance in scheduling an appointment can call the Mono County Public Health Department at (760) 709-6765.

Proposed Woodmen St - Old Mammoth Rd Bus Turnaround

The Town of Mammoth Lakes and [Eastern Sierra Transit Authority](#) (ESTA) have been working together for several years to identify a solution to provide consistent public transit service to the Old Mammoth neighborhood. The Town is currently proposing to develop a bus turnaround at the intersection of Old Mammoth Road and Woodmen Street, with the goal of expanding transit opportunities in the Old Mammoth neighborhood.

We want your input! The Town is providing several opportunities for residents to learn about the project and voice their comments and concerns about the proposed turnaround itself and upcoming changes to transit service to the Old Mammoth neighborhood.

- Please sign in to the Engage Mammoth Lakes website at <https://engage.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/woodmen-st-old-mammoth-rd-bus-turnaround> to take the Survey. This page also includes a project site plan, and FAQs about the project and transit service in the Old Mammoth neighborhood.
- Planning and Economic Development Commission (PEDC) meeting, Wednesday July 14, at 2:00pm (in Town Council Chambers at 437 Old Mammoth Rd Suite Z or **online via Zoom**) for a presentation from Town staff and an opportunity for public comment.

For additional information, please contact: Amy Callanan, PE Associate Engineer: [**acallanan@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov**](mailto:acallanan@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov) or (760) 965-3657. We look forward to hearing from you!

Reds Meadow Road Shuttle Begins Service - begins July 2

The Reds Meadow Shuttle Service, provided by Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, begins service on Friday, **July 2**. After the Reds Meadow Road opens on June 17, but before the shuttle starts running on July 2, expect parking to be very limited in the area. We recommend you carpool and arrive early. On July 2, all regular rules and fees will be put in place, 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**. For details on the schedule and fares for Reds Meadow Shuttle, please visit the **Eastern Sierra Transit Authority website**.

Town Transitions to New Meeting Management Platform

Beginning July 1, the Town transitioned from Granicus to eSCRIBE. The Town contracted with eSCRIBE to better support the entire meeting lifecycle for Town Council, commission and NGO meetings with tools and workflows to improve efficiency, transparency and accessibility. The public can continue to view upcoming meetings, agendas and minutes by clicking on the Meetings and Agendas infographic on the Town's homepage or by clicking [here](#).

Town Meetings & Events

Town Council

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council has been scheduled for **Wednesday, July 7, 2021** beginning at 3:30pm. Public comments can be made in-person 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 14	Planning and Economic Development Commission, Zoom, 2:00pm
August 3	Recreation Commission Meeting, Suite Z/Zoom, 1:30PM (no meeting in July)

Notify Me!

Receive updates sent directly to your email or phone from the Town of Mammoth Lakes by subscribing to "Notify Me." [Click here](#) to subscribe to receive 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.

Department Updates

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS...

Celebrate Park and Recreation Month with FREE Activities

Since 1985, America has celebrated July as [Park and Recreation Month](#). A program of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the goal is to raise awareness of the vital impact that parks, recreation and conservation have on communities across the United States. Parks are at the center of so many experiences and memories — moments that park and recreation professionals help make happen. They are places to gather with friends and

family, spaces to celebrate life's special moments, spots of respite and healing, sites that connect us with essential community services, and so much more.

Make memories with us and help tell *#OurParkAndRecStory* with these FREE family-friendly activities this July:

FREE Swim Sundays at the Whitmore Pool

- Time: 12-6pm
- Dates: July 11, 18 & 25

FREE Friday Night Skate at the Mammoth RecZone

- Time: 6-8pm
- Dates: July 9 & 23

Beat the Heat at the Whitmore Pool!

The Whitmore Pool is OPEN for full operations (including swim lessons and public recreational swimming). Join us every Saturday from 10am-6pm and Sunday from 12-6pm (closed July 4). Lap swim is currently scheduled every morning Monday-Friday and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. For further information, schedules and rates, please visit: www.WhitmorePool.com or review the schedule below. To register for swim lessons, please click [here](#).

Summer Camps and Programs Update

Online summer registration remains OPEN! We still have availability in the following camps and programs:

- 3-Day Mountain Bike Camp (Sessions 2 and 3)
- Climbing Camp (Session 4)
- Explorer 2-Day Camp (Session 4)
- Fly Fishing Camp (Session 1 and 2)
- Week-long Group Swim Lessons
- NEW Treasure Hunters Camp

Adult Softball League Schedules and Standings

The Adult Softball Leagues are now underway. Please click here for **Men's League** and **Coed League** schedules and standings.

Parks and Facilities Update

Whitmore Pool, Trails End Park, Volcom Brothers Skatepark, Shady Rest DiscGolfPark, Shady Rest Park, Whitmore Recreation Area, Community Tennis Courts (1-4) and the multi-use pathways throughout town and the Lakes Basin are OPEN. Learn more about our parks and facilities [here](#).

Community Recreation Center (CRC) Construction Updates

The July 4 weekend is upon us and work continues on the site in preparation for the installation of the Sprung Performance Arena. Subcontractors are working on the building foundation along with the installation of underground utilities. Work on the site will end for the long weekend on Friday, July 2 and resume on Tuesday, July 6. Visit the Town of Mammoth Lakes [Facebook page](#) ([#crcupdates](#)) for frequent updates on the construction and planned programming of this new community recreation amenity.

MAMMOTH LAKES POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

MLPD Explorer Post 7880 and 4th of July Fundraising Booth: MLPD is very proud to offer a local Explorer's Program in partnership with the Mono County Sheriff's Office. The Explorers are now meeting in-person and will be hosting a fundraising booth on July 4th at

379 Old Mammoth Road (driveway of the Lutheran Church) from 10:00am-1:00 pm. Please stop by to learn more about the MLPD Explorers and help support their activities. Do you have or know a child who might be interested in Law Enforcement? Explorers meet weekly on Wednesday evenings and actively participate in police training including physical fitness, ride-alongs, court procedures and local events. The requirements to join are: 14 years of age or older, graduated the 8th grade, maintaining a 2.0 GPA, no felony or misdemeanor convictions and be willing to work hard. For questions about the Explorer Program, please contact Officer Daniel Hansen at (760) 965-3703 or email: dhansen@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

MLPD Station Tours: The Mammoth Lakes Husky Club came by on June 22nd for a BBQ and station tour. The Mammoth Lakes Husky Club provides childcare services for after school and school holidays in addition to running a summer camp for ages K-12. The program provides academic support, social/emotional curriculum, character education, arts and crafts plus fitness and exercise classes. The summer camp operates for 10 weeks and offers a variety of activities such as hikes, movie days, museum tours, pool visits and more. We are very lucky to have this great program available for the youth in Mammoth Lakes! We also welcomed Girl Scout Troop 510 to our station recently and Officers shared with them important lessons about situational awareness with strangers, firearms safety, the dangers of drugs, and when it is appropriate to call 911. They also toured our facilities and the police vehicles. If you oversee a youth or school group and would like to schedule a tour, please contact us at (760) 965-3700 or email: contactmlpd@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Mammoth Lakes Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): CERT finally held their first in-person meeting since February 2020. They kicked off their reunion with a potluck dinner followed by traffic control training. Perfect timing as MLPD and CERT gears up for the 4th of July Parade and festivities. *Be sure to wave to your local CERT volunteers along the parade route!* CERT has begun recruitment for new members and a free CERT Academy will take place in October. The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. CERT responds to requests for aid in coordination with MLPD, MFLD and the Mono County Health Department. For more information, please contact Sgt. Joe Vetter at (760) 965-3713 or jvetter@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Police Activity

Speeding Enforcement: Since purchasing our new mobile radar trailer, MLPD has identified several areas of Town with speeding issues. As a result, the Department's latest speeding enforcement campaign took place on Highway 203 (Main Street) over the last couple of weeks. Many tickets were issued to drivers, most traveling at speeds of 50mph+ in a 35mph zone. The highest speed clocked on the lidar was 66mph! MLPD's speed enforcement campaigns will continue in problem areas to help protect our community members, visitors, and wildlife.

OHV Patrols: MLPD's OHV Program is officially up and running with the first Razor patrols conducted during Mammoth Motocross and continuing throughout the summer. OHV Razor patrols include moving along campers from illegal dispersed camping areas, contacting riders for community engagement, issuing warnings or citations for speeding, expired registration & missing helmets along with assistance in collisions or other emergencies. MLPD just purchased some equipment with the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMVR) Division Grant for 2021 including a Polaris Snowmobile and a large, enclosed trailer. The goal of the MLPD's OHV program is to provide safety and education for both residents and visitors and to reduce intrusions into the wilderness and other protected areas.

Police Community Alerts

No Overnight Parking at Park & Ride Lot, Corner of Old Mammoth and Tavern Roads: This year, MLPD is asking that all overnight and long-term backpackers park their vehicles in Lots A or B just below Mammoth Mountain's Main Lodge (no reservations needed). Alternatively, vehicles can be parked at the departure trailhead such as the Duck Pass lot at the end of Coldwater Creek. Unfortunately, vehicles will no longer be able to stay overnight at the Town's Park & Ride Lot at Tavern and Old Mammoth Rd. The reason for this parking change is due to the anticipation of record visitation this summer. The small Park & Ride lot, which is already frequently at capacity, is now to be used for day trips, carpooling, and electric vehicle charging. Please give us a call if you need additional information at 760-965-3700.

Scammers calling Mammoth Lakes Residents & Businesses: Over the last month, several reports came in of scammers attempting to take money from residents and local business owners. These thieves are getting very creative in their attempts to get your personal information, bank accounts and ultimately... your cash! One business owner received a phone call "from the Mammoth Lakes Police Department". The caller ID even showed our number, (760) 965-3700, which we suspect was done by a phone app. Most of these scam phone calls result in the caller asking you to buy gift cards and read off the numbers to clear debts, crimes, warrants, computer viruses, etc. Another resident had his computer frozen by a virus/scammer who also wanted gift cards to release the machine. If you ever have questions regarding a phone call from MLPD, hang-up and call Dispatch at (760) 932-7549, Option 7. It is up to you to stay vigilant against these scammers as it is nearly impossible to track them down. This is a great website to stay current on the most recent scams: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts>.

New Department Programs

Dog Resource, Education, Licensing and Enforcement Campaign: Another concern for Mammoth Lakes is the issue surrounding dogs in our community including waste, increased dog bites on both humans and other dogs along with leash laws being ignored. To ensure that our parks, trails, and many treasured developed recreation areas are safe, cleaner, and healthier for us all, the Mammoth Lakes Police Department has launched a dog resource, education, and enforcement campaign. This campaign includes a [Town Critters and Code Compliance](#) Facebook page, a new [Dog Resources, Licensing and Enforcement](#) webpage, a new dog licensing software along with educational material distributed by Police Officers. The Department will be increasing education and enforcement efforts in high-use areas within the Town's Municipal Boundary. These areas include our many parks, multi-use paths and developed recreation areas, such as the Lakes Basin. The new "Dog Services" webpage on the Police Department's includes an interactive map to view these high-use areas. The new online dog licensing program is now live at: mammothlakes.docupet.com. Be sure to use promo code MAMMOTLAKES5 for a \$5 discount on designer tags through June 30.

MLPD thanks the Mammoth Lakes Community for your continued support and cooperation. We wish all of you a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend and summer ahead!

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Go Digital!

Are you looking for help to bring your business online? The State of California has launched an e-commerce initiative to promote accelerators and intensive trainings to build the skills necessary to compete in an online marketplace and drive Californians to support small businesses through online festivals. Find out more here: <https://business.ca.gov/advantages/small-business-innovation-and-entrepreneurship/get-digital-ca/>

Building Division

The Building Division has published prescriptive (pre-approved) designs for decks, stairs, and porches. If you are planning on building one of these structures, please review the plans on our webpage as they may eliminate the need for engineering and designs. <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11281/Prescriptive-Designs---Deck-Stairs-Porch-Roof?bidId=>

Temporary Outdoor Dining – Summer 2021

On June 2 the Town Council directed staff to implement a process to allow outdoor dining within required parking areas during summer 2021 to accommodate increased social distancing related to COVID-19. If you have questions about outdoor dining, please contact the Planning Division at planning@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

Work for the Town of Mammoth Lakes!

As we continue to grow and expand our workforce, the Town is recruiting for a number of exciting temporary and year-round employment opportunities! The Town of Mammoth Lakes knows our employees are our most valuable assets, which is why we strive to attract and retain the best. If you're committed to public service and you want to be part of the changing face of local government, apply now! Visit our [career portal](#) for more information.

Public Service Announcements

Inyo National Forest and Bureau of Land Management Fire Restrictions

The Inyo National Forest and Bureau of Land Management Bishop Field Office implemented (Stage 1) fire restrictions on all Federal lands under their jurisdiction. This decision is based on very high fire danger, drought conditions coupled with extremely dry vegetation, an increase in human caused wildfires and the availability of firefighters for response. Seasonal fire restrictions for the Eastern Sierra Region are being implemented in close coordination with the Cal Fire San Bernardino/Inyo/Mono Unit and the Mono County Sheriff's Office. [Click here](#) to review the fire restrictions now in effect for your safety.

Residential Recreational Fire Restrictions in Mammoth Lakes

In conjunction with the fire restrictions put in place by the Inyo National Forest and Bureau of Land Management which prohibit campfires outside of developed campgrounds and recreation sites, MLFD is prohibiting residential recreational fires within the Town of Mammoth Lakes. If you obtained a permit for a recreational fire pit on your property, it is suspended until further notice. Propane fire pits that do not burn wood will continue to be allowed.

Camp like a Pro!

Learn how you can camp like a pro this summer. The Eastern Sierra Dispersed Camping Collaboration's (ESDCC) developed a five-point campaign to improve management of dispersed camping. Visit the comprehensive [website](#) for tips on campsite selection, campfire skills, an interactive camping map and helpful resources.

"Through our collaborative efforts, we have identified real actions to implement this summer to protect our communities and public lands, while preserving our forests, water, and way of life here in the Eastern Sierra," stated Supervisor Gardner.

Keep Bears & All Wildlife Wild

As the summer season gets underway, the Inyo National Forest and California Department of Fish and Wildlife would like to remind visitors to be vigilant with proper food and trash storage. Working together with visitors, permit holders and private and public entities we can help keep wildlife wild.

We offer the following recommendations for proper food storage and appreciate your participation to this matter. The following recommendations include rules and responsibility with the intent that such practices become the norm and lead to positive experiences when visiting the Inyo National Forest.

Do not leave food or fragrant items without properly storing them. Bears and wildlife have a keen sense of smell and will access your campsite, car, or cabin if you don't take the precaution of storing your food properly. Bear-resistant containers, including equine panniers, are the most effective method of food storage. Use bear resistant food lockers (normally 48 inches wide, 29 inches deep and 38 inches high (24 cubic feet). Lockers are at many trailheads and campgrounds to be shared by visitors. Space in lockers is limited so bring only what you will need during your trip. Deposit trash in bear resistant trash cans, not in lockers.

Non-food items such as plastic bottles, water bottles, coffee mugs, pet food, empty cans, trash, wrappers, cosmetics, grocery bags, boxes, and ice chests must also be secured. Do not leave these items in your car or tent. Removing such items may help deter a bear from entering and doing damage to property. Always clean up your camp of food and trash promptly after meals so that bears are less likely to visit your camp. If you have a child who uses a car seat, please consider cleaning the car seat, because too often there are food particles found in car seats that may attract bears. Other attractants such as bird feeders & bird houses (not authorized) could also attract a bear, and should not be placed on forest system lands. Please discontinue this practice.

In all wilderness areas of Inyo National Forest, use of bear-resistant containers is strongly recommended. There are eight specific areas where using a container that prevents access by bears is mandatory: Bishop Pass Area, Cottonwood Lakes Basin/ Cottonwood Pass Area, Duck Pass/Purple Lake Area, Fish Creek Area, Kearsarge Pass Area, Little Lakes Valley Area, Mammoth Lakes/Rush Creek Area, and the Mount Whitney Area. Maps for these areas can be found at: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Inyo/Bears.

Bear containers are preferred over counter-balance hanging because trees are limited above certain elevations, and where they do occur, they are easily accessible to climbing bears. Bear proof designs are proven deterrents, odor proof, weigh less than 3 pounds, and come in hard and soft designs.

Black bears (*Ursus americanus*) are the most abundant and widely distributed bear; they have been recorded in all states except Hawaii. Black bears can vary in color from jet black to cinnamon to white. Bears eat a variety of plants and animals; their diets consist mainly of grasses, roots, berries, insects, and fish and animals, including dead animals. They have an acute sense of smell; they can smell a scent from miles away. Although black bears rarely kill or seriously injure people, when they do, it's most often the result of predatory behavior by single males. Most conflicts between humans and black bears occur when bears access and become addicted to human food sources.

More information on proper food storage is on our website at: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Inyo/Bears. Bear Safety Tips from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is available at: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Bear>.

To report human-bear conflicts, contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at (916) 358-2917, or report online using the Wildlife Incident Reporting (WIR) system at <https://apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir>.

When To Make A Bear Call

DO NOT CALL:

- Bear walking through your property or neighborhood
- Bear in a tree

OPTIONAL NON-EMERGENCY

- Bear on porch or deck
- Bear in unoccupied vehicle
- Bear making regular visits to property or under deck or house
- Bear sitting in a hammock (call us so we can come and take a photo!)

EMERGENCY - CALL 911:

- Bear inside any building or home
- Bear seen trying to open window or door of occupied dwelling
- Bear in confined space with human beings
- Bear apparently confronting human beings

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.