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Town News

Week of May 9, 2011

News from the Town Manager

Town Council Meeting– May 18

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Minaret Village Mall. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Town Council Adopts New Identity for Mammoth Lakes

On May 4, 2011, Town Council adopted a new identity (logo) for Mammoth Lakes. The implementation of this new identity has begun and residents and visitors will be able to see the transition take shape over the next several months. It's out with the old (left) and in with the new (right)!

OLD



NEW



The identity stands for discovering the diverse outdoor offerings that make Mammoth Lakes special. The area is rich in four season experiences, offering locals and visitors unexpected and indelible moments that they will share and treasure forever. The logo has intentional hidden discoveries. The snow capped mountains, the rippling water and the intentional "M" all reinforce the diversity of the Mammoth Lakes outdoor offering.

The Mammoth Lakes primary identity is comprised of two colors: a blue representing the mountain/California typography and a gray representing the Mammoth Lakes typography. Proper application of the logo is essential for promoting, maintaining and protecting our brand. As such, strict guidelines and licensing agreements are being developed.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes congratulates John Urdi Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Tourism for delivering a new identity to the community of Mammoth

Lakes and both organizations have begun an extensive process to showcase this new identity to the world!

Town Clean-Up Day June 11

Take pride in your neighborhood and volunteer to help clean up our Town on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Grab a bag and clean up your area from 8:00 a.m. then join us for a complimentary community picnic at Mammoth Creek Park beginning at 12:00 p.m. This annual event is sponsored by the Town of Mammoth Lakes and its many community partners. Orange trash bags will once again be available for collection the week of May 23, 2011 at the Town Offices, Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center and designated locations throughout town. Please contact the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for additional information. A bag a person really helps!

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget Preparation

Town staff has been working diligently on the preparation of next year's budget, Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Through this process, additional financial issues are coming to light. The latest is information from the Town's workers compensation and general liability insurance agency, the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA), that the Town owes the CJPIA \$1.6 million in past liabilities. Previously, such retroactive liabilities would be spread over the years and added to the current premium amount. This practice changed last year, and the CJPIA voted, at the urging of its member agencies, to defer past liability payments until 2013-2015. For the Town, this means that \$1.1 million of past general liability amounts will become due and payable in July of 2013, and an additional \$0.5 million will be due and payable for workers compensation in July of 2015. To ensure that the Town is not facing a \$1.6 million balloon payment in 2013-2015, the Town will need to begin paying portions of these accrued liabilities immediately and gradually. A five-year repayment plan would add \$350,000 annually to the Town's budget, spread among all funds and departments based on their respective shares of the liability. Town management will be building the necessary amounts into the next year's budget.

Airport Recruitment Status

Fifty applications were received for the Airport Maintenance position by the April 15, 2011 deadline. After pre-screening of the applications by a panel of non-Airport staff, four candidates were selected for the initial round of panel interviews and skills testing, which are planned for the week of May 9, 2011. Interviews will be conducted by a panel of internal and external experts, who will be recommending one or two candidates to the Airport Director and the Town Manager. If a finalist is not selected during this first round of interviews, additional applicants will be considered and interviewed, until a successful selection is made.

Revision of Town's Personnel Rules and Creation of New Policies

The Town is embarking on an ambitious and challenging process to review all of its personnel rules, including relevant union agreements and Council resolutions. The Town's existing personnel rules are vague, incomplete, outdated, and oftentimes confusing. In addition, no policies, procedures, or forms exist for most personnel and risk management issues. Town staff hopes to have a scope of work identified by the end of May, and first drafts of rules and policies prepared by the end of June. The entire process will take months to complete, and will involve review by employee unions, legal counsel, and Town Council.

Mammoth Creek Park Playground Equipment Removal

On April 20, 2011, the Mammoth Lakes Town Council approved funding to remove and replace the substandard playground equipment from Mammoth Creek Park. Parks Maintenance personnel have removed the non-compliant playground equipment and signage at the park notifies users of this action. The playground will be closed for the duration of the removal process. The replacement playground equipment is expected to be installed in mid-summer (hopefully prior to July 4). Please contact the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 Extension 222 for additional information and updates on completion.

MLPD Hispanic Town Hall Meeting

The Mammoth Lakes Police Community Hispanic Advisory Committee will be holding its first Town Hall on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Village Lodge, Emerald Room. Presentations will be made by representatives from the Mexican Consulate, Wild Iris, First Five Mono County, the Town of Mammoth Lakes Wildlife Specialist Steve Searles, and the Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department. There will also be an Open Forum where questions can be asked of representatives of these agencies along with the Police and Fire Departments of Mammoth Lakes and the Mono County Sheriff's Department.

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

Crime and Traffic Stats

A review of Part I Crimes shows that there was a 27% reduction in crime in Mammoth Lakes in 2010 when compared to 2009. The crimes, by category, are listed below:

<u>Crime</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Homicide	0	0	No Change
Rape	2	6	+300%
Robbery	2	2	No Change
Assault	109	88	-19%
Burglary	96	68	-29%
Larceny	225	156	-31%
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	6	-40%
Total	444	326	-27%

A review of traffic collision data shows that there was an 18% increase in injury collisions and hit and run collisions in 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Injury Collisions	16	21	+31%
Hit & Run Collisions	44	50	+14%
Total	60	71	+18%

While the overall crime statistics reflect a positive change, the Town of Mammoth Lakes gets relatively little crime, so it's not unusual for the numbers to fluctuate dramatically. Crime was down in all categories except robberies where there was no change and rape, where there was an increase of 4 crimes.

The traffic collision data is not a positive trend. Perhaps the severe winter contributed to the increase in collisions. The data will be further analyzed to determine where directed traffic patrols should focus attention.

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, May 6 - Saturday, May 7 = 22%
Sunday, May 8 - Thursday, May 12 = 15%

Calls for Service/Officer Observations

128, including 0 business/building checks

Crime/Incident Reports

25 reports, including 8 arrests

Traffic Stops/Citations/Traffic Collisions

30 stops; 5 citations; 3 parking citations; 0 skate park citations; 2 collisions

Animal Control Incidents

3 incidents; 1 report

Wildlife Calls/Reports

5 calls; 2 reports

Twitter

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Community Development

SR203 Resurfacing Project

The SR203 pavement overlay that was completed October 2009 by Caltrans and subsequently failed in many areas along the route will be corrected this summer. Caltrans District 9 plans to start work just after the July 4th holiday and complete work mid-August 2011. Town staff will be meeting with Caltrans to review their detailed project schedule sometime in the next two weeks.

Planning Commission Meeting May 11, 2011

The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on Wednesday May 11th. Due to the large volume of agenda items, the meeting will begin at 9AM; with the Public Hearing portion of the meeting starting at 2PM (time certain). The following items will be included on the May 11 meeting agenda:

- South Districts and Town-wide Neighborhood District Planning Integration (Joint meeting with the Mobility Commission).
- Zoning Code Update: Nonconforming Uses, Structures and Parcels.

- Zoning Code Update: Industrial Zones.
- Town Commissions Opportunities for Efficiency
- Public Hearing: Vesting Tentative Parcel Map/Use Permit 10-001: Applicant: Plum Mammoth Lakes Family Limited Partnership. This item will begin at 2PM (time certain)

Sign Code Update – Moved to June 1, 2011 Town Council Meeting

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to consider the Sign Code chapter of the Zoning Code Update on June 1, 2011 at 6pm. Check out the website for more information <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=387>. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jen Daugherty, Associate Planner 760-934-8989 ext. 260.

South Districts and Integrated Neighborhood District Planning

Work is progressing to close out district planning, including completion of District Planning for the South Districts and preparation of an integrated Townwide NDP summary that ties together past and current district planning efforts.

Focus Group meetings and public workshops for the South Districts NDP were concluded in late March. Staff received input on the South Districts consensus concepts and draft Integrated Townwide District Planning Summary Concept from the Recreation and Public Arts Commissions at their most recent meetings.

The Planning Commission and Mobility Commission will discuss this information jointly on May 11. Input from these meetings will be included in the South Districts NDP Planning Study, and revised draft Integrated Summary Concept to be presented to the Planning Commission on May 25th, and Town Council on June 15th for review and acceptance.

Sierra Valley Neighborhood District Plan Workshops

Public workshops were held on Wednesday April 27th and 28th to discuss issues and options for the Sierra Valley Neighborhood. There was an excellent turnout at the April 27th meeting, but few attendees at the April 28th meeting which was held in Spanish. The next steps following these meetings will be to produce a draft report, which will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at a public workshop in late May or early June. For additional information, or to provide comments on changes you think are needed in Sierra Valley, please contact Ellen Clark, Senior Planner at 760-934-8989 ext. 269.

Public Arts Commission Meeting – May 4

The Public Arts Commission meeting of May 4th included the following items:

- Public Art Plan – The Commission voted 3-0 to recommend the Final Draft Public Art Plan to Town Council for adoption! The item will be placed on a future Town Council agenda for consideration.
- South Districts Neighborhood Planning & District Planning Integration
- Public Art for Mammoth Athletes

Community News

Cerro Coso Hosts Industry & Community Roundtable

On Tuesday, May 10, 2011 from 4:00PM – 5:30PM on the Cerro Coso Community College Mammoth Campus, the Kern Community College District, Associate Chancellor of Economic & Workforce Development, John Means, and the Director of Workforce Development, Bob Hawkes, will be hosting an Industry & Community Roundtable.

The purpose of the Roundtable is to meet with business and industry representatives in the Mammoth Lakes area to evaluate needs for educational programs and services to promote economic and workforce development in our community. As you may know, Cerro Coso Community College is one of three colleges in the Kern Community College District. We are exploring opportunities to better meet the needs of our business communities throughout the district. Light refreshments will be served.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Deanna Campbell dcampbel@cerrocoso.edu by Tuesday, May 10th at 8:00AM so that we may accommodate all attendees.

We look forward to meeting with you.

WHO: Mammoth Lakes Business & Industry Representatives

WHAT: Business & Industry Roundtable with KCCD Associate Chancellor, Economic & Workforce Development

WHEN: Tuesday, May 10th

TIME: 4:00PM – 5:30PM

WHERE: Mammoth Campus, Cerro Coso Community College, 101 College Parkway

RSVP: dcampbel@cerrocoso.edu by Tuesday, May 10th at 8AM

NOTE: Light Refreshments will be Served

Recreation Highlights

Third Wave of RecStrats Workshops Resume Next Week

The third round of RecStrats core strategy topic-specific workshops are scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2011 and Thursday, May 12, 2011. Both workshops will be held at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail and will run from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. each day. Participants are encouraged to drop in anytime, before or after work. Light refreshments and fresh cookies will be served.

The core strategy topic of the May 11th workshop will be Special Events. Items to be reviewed and discussed will include, but are not limited to, equipment and staging needs, production assistance and coordination, venue need and development including indoor and outdoor facilities. This workshop is not specific to recreation-based special events. Event producers and managers are encouraged to attend in order to identify needs and opportunities for enhancing the special event experience in Mammoth Lakes.

The May 12th workshop will focus on the Arts and Culture core strategy. Activities and areas to be reviewed and discussed at this workshop will include, but are not

limited to, museums and galleries, performing arts needs, public art and development of a cultural landscape in Mammoth Lakes. Artists, patrons and supporters of our cultural entities are encouraged to participate in this workshop in order to identify ways to raise the awareness of arts and culture in the community.

Participants at each workshop will be asked to review ideas currently in the RecStrats document and brainstorm on what may be missing from the tasks identified in each core strategy. They will also be asked to identify what elements most align with the three RecStrats guiding principles of stewardship/management, economic development and growth and enhanced community quality of life.

In anticipation of attending the workshops, interested participants are encouraged to review the RecStrats document at www.recstrats.com and be prepared to discuss what facilities, programs and activities and financial resources are needed to help achieve the vision of becoming "The best alpine recreation community in the country."

If you are not able to attend the workshops, you are encouraged to provide your input for the core strategies by participating in the RecStrats survey. The survey is found at www.recstrats.com and also at key locations around town including the Mammoth Lakes Library, Mammoth Lakes Post Office and Snowcreek Athletic Club. The information collected from the survey will be integrated into the information gathered at the public workshops.

RecStrats is the process recommended by the Town's Recreation Commission and approved by the Town Council to define "a vision for recreation in Mammoth Lakes and a strategic plan for its implementation." The RecStrats implementation plan process is using the community's input to identify projects, programs and services needed to achieve the seven core strategies identified in RecStrats. It will begin to categorize and link the identified needs and opportunities and will provide a framework for defining funding options for prioritized implementation. Strategic Marketing Group (SMG) is facilitating the workshops and developing the strategy for the RecStrats implementation plan.

For more information, please visit www.recstrats.com or call the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Participants are also invited to subscribe to receive regular RecStrats updates at: www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/list.aspx.

Little Sluggers Instructional T-Ball

This is a great program designed to introduce your 2-5 year old child to the wonderful sport of baseball. T-ball provides a unique opportunity for parents to share quality time with their children while preparing them for future softball and baseball activities. This program is designed to teach the fundamentals of baseball in a clinic and mock-game setting. (All parents are encouraged to help with their children, don't be shy just hop right in there). Registration Deadline: Friday, May 6, 2011. Play is scheduled from May 18 - June 15, 2011 every Wednesday, between 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Elementary School. Cost is only \$30 (includes shirt).

West Coast Invitational

The West Coast Invitational (WCI) is back for its tenth year with an all-star lineup of invited pro snowboarders and talented up-and-comers from Friday, May 6 - Sunday, May 8, 2011. On Friday, May 6, watch the riders battle it out on a course full of crazy

wall ride features at the Eddie Wall Ride. On Saturday, May 7 head into The Village for the evening Rail Jam where they'll take on a three-story high jib set-up for a shot at the huge cash purse! Afterwards, hop on the Village Gondola and head to Canyon Lodge where Mammoth Concert Series presents Blessed Le Strange. Don't miss the sounds of their hypnotizing voodoo rock and roll tunes. Enjoy non-stop spring skiing, riding and riding and partying throughout the weekend! Visit <http://www.mammothmountain.com/ResortActivities/SpecialEvents/WCI/> for the complete schedule of events.

CMU Presents the "Soloists"

Chamber Music Unbound presents "The Soloists" with The Felici Piano Trio and Eastern Sierra Chamber Orchestra, Daniel Allcott, guest conductor on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church, Mammoth Lakes, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The members of the Felici Trio are "The Soloists" of this delightful program in collaboration with ESCO, under the direction of guest conductor Daniel Allcott. Tickets are available online (www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org), at Access Art and Business Center, the Inyo Council for the Arts, or at the door on concert nights.

GREAT SOCCER STARTS HERE!

Register for Mammoth AYSO fall soccer at the Lee Vining School on Thursday, May 19, 2011 between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Millions of players got their start in AYSO including Landon Donovan. Fun, safe, affordable, trained coaches... and memories that will last a lifetime. Register your player or yourself as a volunteer parent, coach or referee. We need your Help! Cost is only \$60 per child or \$50 / \$40 for second or third child. Fees include new uniform, team photo, great coaching, tournaments and awards! Age Divisions: U5 Coed / U6 Coed / U8 / U10 / U12 / U15 & U19. Soccer Swap: Exchange your old cleats for new, or simply purchase a pair for your player – only \$5.00 & donate your old soccer jersey, shorts or socks to a worthy cause. For complete registration information, call (760) 709-2481, email: Mammothayso@gmail.com or visit www.Mammothayso.com. The final registration for fall soccer is May 26, 2011 at the Mammoth Elementary School.

Get Gymnastics Fever!

This year-round program is designed to introduce children from 3-18 years old the wonderful and exciting sport of gymnastics. Offered by Michelle DeJong, a level 8 competitive gymnast and Level 1-5 gymnastics coach, participants will learn to tumble and more in a safe and structured environment. This program is also a recipient of Measure R funding with \$7,000 of gymnastic equipment. Three age sessions are available at the Community Center on Forest Trail and are all on schedule for February, 2011.

- 3-5 yr olds – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 5-8 yr olds – Saturday: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- 8-12+ yr olds – Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Saturday: 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Gymnastic Schedule Changes

The following changes have been made to the Wednesday gymnastics session at the Community Center. Sorry for any inconvenience.

- May 11 to May 10, 2011
- June 8 to June 7, 2011

Sports & Recreation Calendar

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- April 1: Mammoth Value Pass (MVP) on sale
- April 5-May 14: June Lake Tri Camp – Session 1
- April 24 – May 31: SpringFest
- April 26-29: DSES Springtacular!
- April 30: Opening Day of Mono County Fishing Season
- May 1 – June 30: Convict Lake Spring Fishing Derby
- May 1-8: Rossignol Race Camp
- May 5: Mono County Little League Games relocate to Shady Rest Park
- May 6: Little Sluggers Registration Closes
- May 6-8: West Coast Invitational
- May 10: Recreation Commission Special Meeting – Measure R Spring Presentations
- May 11: RECSTRATS “Special Events” Workshop
- May 12: RECSTRATS “Arts & Culture” Workshop
- May 12: Mammoth Lakes Swim Team Fundraiser at John’s Pizza Works
- May 14: CMU Presents “The Soloist”
- May 17: Recreation Commission Special Meeting – Measure R Spring Presentations – if necessary
- May 18: Little Sluggers Begins at MES
- May 19: Mammoth AYSO Registration @ Lee Vining
- May 25: Projected opening day of Lakes Basin Road
- May 26: Mammoth AYSO Registration @ MES
- June 7: Recreation Commission Meeting
- June 8: RECSTRATS “High Altitude Training” Workshop
- June 11: Town Clean Up Day
- June 12: Meet the New Tennis Pro @ Community Center Tennis Courts
- June 14: Tennis Lessons begin
- June 23: RECSTRATS “Linkages & Priorities” Workshop
- June 24: Projected opening of Reds Meadow Road

Public Service Announcements

Firewood Season Opens May 1

The Inyo National Forest is announcing opening of personal use fuelwood season starting Sunday May 1. Fuelwood permits will go on sale at local Forest Service Ranger Stations and Visitor Centers beginning Monday, April 25. Maps showing areas open to cutting are available with a purchased Fuelwood permit. Fuelwood permits are \$14.00 per cord with a two cord minimum purchase. The maximum purchase remains 6 cords per person and 12 cords per household. The Inyo National Forest again will institute shut down days (for chainsaw use) based upon the daily Project Activity Level. Permit holders can call (760) 873-2555 for information on shut down days. For further information on the fuelwood program, contact your local Ranger Station or Visitor Center.

Current supplies of firewood can be found at Hartley, Smoke, and Rust Forest Management Areas, which can be located on the fuelwood map. Due to a heavy snow year, not all areas are snow-free at this time. Permittees are advised to check in with their local Forest Service Ranger Stations and Visitor Centers for current conditions and accessibility.

Fuelwood permits may be obtained at the following locations:

Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center in Lee Vining; (760) 647-3044
Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center in Mammoth Lakes; (760) 924-5500
White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop; (760) 873-2500
InterAgency Visitor Center in Lone Pine; (760) 876-6222.

Leash Law Reminder

Mammoth residents and visitors are reminded that the Town has a leash law, and it is a violation of the ordinance to allow your dog to run loose off of your property. While budget cuts eliminated the Animal Control Officer position, the laws pertaining to controlling your pets did not change, and you can still be cited by Mammoth Lakes Police Department officers if your dog is at-large. The Police Department is currently receiving a large number of complaints from several neighborhoods, and will be targeting patrol time in those areas when possible to apprehend loose dogs and to cite their owners. In addition to the citation fine, you could also be charged boarding fees by Mono County Animal Control if we choose to impound your dog at the Whitmore Shelter. At-large dogs are a traffic hazard, and even the most well behaved dog can bite if provoked. If your loose animal causes a traffic collision or injures/bites someone, you would likely be liable for damages, which could add up to thousands of dollars. Please respect your neighbors, AND your pet and obey the leash law.

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Town Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

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