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Town News

Week of May 16, 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. Some of the agenda items include:

- **Public Presentation:** Presentation from Jack Copeland regarding the Grand Prize Drawing for the Ambassador of the Winter from the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Program.
- **Policy Matters:** 1) Presentation of initial Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget components, including General Fund revenue projections, update on the Fiscal Year 2010-11 year-end results for the General Fund, and introduction of key budgetary and policy items for Fiscal Year 2011-12, 2) Award bid for publication of legal notices.
- **Consent Agenda:** 1) The minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2011; 2) Resolution for the implementation of the provisions of Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code to tax defer employee retirement contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System; 3) Resolution repealing Resolution No. 06-67 with respect to the presiding officer of the Town Council and amending Section 3.1 of the Council Rules of Procedure; 4) Resolution for the 4th of July Parade Caltrans Encroachment Permit.

Town of Mammoth Lakes Releases Preliminary Budget for FY2011-12

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has released a preliminary budget report for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2011. Staff's analysis suggests a baseline budget shortfall of \$2 million in the General Fund. Given the anticipated \$481,000 surplus in the current (2010-11) fiscal year, next year's bottom line is nearly \$2.5 million worse off, compared to the current year. This anticipated difference is the outcome of the continued slowdown in the economy, which compressed the Town's revenue base, coupled with inflationary increases in the Town's costs, mainly related to personnel. Specifically, the \$2.5 million difference is due to:

- A. Revenue decreases of \$1.8 million, driven by: (a) restrictions placed on the Utility Users Tax by Measure U, resulting in the elimination of \$0.9 million in revenue from the General Fund; (b) loss of a one-time transfer of \$0.6 million in funds left over after the payoff of 2003 debt and available in FY 2010-11; and (c) reductions in the Transient Occupancy Tax and Property Tax revenues.

- B. Expenditure increases of \$0.7 million, driven by union-negotiated compensation and benefit increases, and the \$350,000 annual payout of past accrued liabilities for Workers Compensation and General Liability.

The Town's budget report, to be discussed at the May 18, 2011 Town Council meeting, lays the foundation for the special budget session scheduled on May 25, 2011, from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. It presents projections for the General Fund revenues, provides preliminary estimates of General Fund expenditures, and contains updates on the FY 2010-11 year-end revenue and spending estimates for the General Fund.

The report also recommends a set of principles on which the Town Council's budget and policy decisions should be made. Please contact Interim Town Manager Marianna Marysheva-Martinez at (760) 934-8989 ext. 226 for additional information pertaining to the Town's budget.

Town Receives Award for Downtown Concept for Main Street Study

The Town's recently completed Downtown Concept for Main Street has been honored with a 2011 Central Section American Planning Association (APA), Outstanding Planning Award for Neighborhood Planning. The APA Awards Program recognizes quality and innovation in planning by recognizing "outstanding achievement in the urban and regional planning field." Congratulations to everyone who worked on this important project!

Child Car Seat / Bike Rodeo/ Child Safety Special Event – May 22

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department and the California Highway Patrol would like to invite parents and children to a Child Car Seat - Bike Rodeo - Child Safety Special Event on Sunday May 22, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Mammoth Elementary School Parking lot. Parents and those who transport small children are encouraged to attend. Have your child's safety seat professionally checked for proper installation and any recalls. Receive instruction on how to properly install the seat, as well as properly adjusting the seat with the seated child. Those with child safety seats deemed unsafe or inadequate will receive replacement child safety seats at no charge.

Kids - Bring your bicycle and bicycle helmet and test your riding skills and bicycle safety knowledge at our Bike Rodeo and bicycle obstacle course. Additionally, the Mono County Health Department has a very limited number of bicycle helmets, available free of charge, to those who are unable to afford one. They will be handed out on a first come, first served basis.

Representatives from the following organizations will be in attendance providing information on child safety and their available resources: First 5 Mono County; Mono County Health Department; Mammoth Hospital; Wild Iris; Mammoth Lakes Fire Department, including "Sparky" the fire dog; and Mammoth Lakes Police Department, including "Darren" the D.A.R.E. lion. Safe Kids DNA collection / identification kits will also be available.

The Mammoth Lakes High School senior class of 2011 will also be hosting a bake sale fundraiser. Refreshments and baked goods will be available. All proceeds received will be used to offset graduation costs for the senior class. This event will be held on Sunday May 22, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Mammoth Elementary

School Parking lot. For additional information please contact Officer David Scobie at (760) 934-2011 Extension 55 or dscobie@mammothlakespd.org.

Calls for Service/Officer Observations

154, including 4 business/building checks

Crime/Incident Reports

26 reports, including 7 arrests

Traffic Stops/Citations/Traffic Collisions

42 stops; 3 citations; 1 parking citation; 0 skate park citations; 0 collisions

Animal Control Incidents

2 incidents; 0 reports

Wildlife Calls/Reports

5 calls; 2 reports

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, May 13 - Saturday, May 14 = 20%
Sunday, May 15 – Thursday, May 19 = 14%

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Community Development

Mobility Commission Traffic Management Workshop

Each year, Traffic Management Workshops are held in May and November by the Town's Mobility Commission; the next one is **Tuesday, May 17, 2011** at 4:00 p.m. in Suite Z. The workshops offer an opportunity for Town residents to bring their concerns forward for anything having to do with traffic issues. Many traffic calming measures have been instituted in various neighborhoods over the past few years, largely because residents expressed concerns to the Commission. Speeding on Manzanita Street has been reduced by extra cautionary signs, double yellow lines, and increased enforcement. On Old Mammoth Road, extra signage, speed limit feedback signs, and reduced speed limits have resulted in fewer speed violations. A stop sign replaced a yield sign at the intersection of Mammoth Knolls Dr. and St. Anton, when a neighbor reported seeing many close calls and "fender-benders" over the years. On Forest Trail, extra signage and a speed limit feedback sign have helped to slow traffic. Several traffic studies and other surveys were also done, which will prove helpful in the district planning efforts. If you have concerns about traffic in your neighborhood, you're invited to attend the Traffic Management Workshop, or to make your voice heard by calling or e-mailing any of the Commissioners listed on the Town's website.

Sign Code Update

Town Council will hold a public hearing on the Sign Code chapter of the Zoning Code Update on Wednesday, **June 1, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. Visit our website for more information <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=387>. If you should have any questions or comments, please contact Associate Planner Jen Daugherty at (760) 934-8989 Ext. 260.

Neighborhood District Planning - Joint Planning and Mobility Commission Meeting

On May 11, 2011, the Planning and Mobility Commissions held a joint discussion on the South Districts and Integrated Neighborhood District Planning studies. Both are scheduled for review and acceptance by the Planning Commission on May 25, 2011, and by Town Council on June 15, 2011.

Plum Application

On May 11, 2011, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and voted 3-1 to adopt a resolution approving Vesting Tentative Parcel Map and Use Permit 10-001, which certifies the Final Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration, and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared for the project in accordance with CEQA. If you have any questions, please contact Transportation Planner Jessica Morriss at (760) 934-8989 Extension 225.

Zoning Code Update – 26 Chapters Drafted, 10 To Go!

The Zoning Code Users Group and Planning Commission have been working hard on the draft chapters of the Zoning Code. We are getting close to finishing drafting the chapters and will be publishing a public review draft this summer. In the meantime, you can review all of the chapters that have been drafted on our website at <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=384>. If you would like to meet with us, or if you have questions, please contact Senior Planner Sandra Moberly at (760) 934-8989 Extension 251.

Current Applications – Update

1. Search and Rescue (UPA 10-005) – The Town is processing a use permit for a permanent Search and Rescue facility on the MCWD property located at 1315 Meridian Boulevard. The initial study 30-day review period ended on May 6, 2011. A public hearing at the Planning Commission is scheduled for May 25, 2011.
2. Mammoth View (TTM 10-001) – The Town is processing a tentative tract map and use permit application for a new 54-room hotel, along with 24 town homes and 28 freestanding cabin units. Staff has been working on the analysis of the project and anticipates that the 30-day review period for the initial study will begin sometime in the next month. A public hearing for the project is expected sometime this summer.
3. Mammoth View Development Agreement Application - The Town Council voted to accept the Mammoth View development agreement (DA) application at its May 4, 2011 meeting (the Town Council is required to accept DA applications prior to the formal negotiations). If you have any questions or comments, please contact Community Development Director Mark Wardlaw at (760) 934-8989 Extension 238.
4. Mammoth Rock N Bowl (UPA 11-002) – The Town is processing an application for a bowling alley. Staff anticipates deeming the application complete in the upcoming week and will then begin analysis of the submittal.

5. Lighthouse Church (AP 11-001) – Application to relocate the Lighthouse Church into the former Oak Tree building at 546 Old Mammoth Road. The application was approved on May 4, 2011.
6. Sierra Manors repaint (ADR 11-001) – Application to repaint the Sierra Manors condominiums.

Community News

Mammoth Farmers Market Returns to Main Street

While Mono and Inyo County farmers are tending to their crops, organizers of the Mammoth Lakes Farmer's Market are preparing the Main Street frontage road for another season of fresh produce, entertainment, artists, and fun. The Farmer's Market will begin on **Wednesday, June 15th** (crops permitting) and will continue weekly on Wednesdays from 4:00pm to 7:00pm until the end of September. A special Farmer's Market event will take place on Wednesday, July 6th to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Devil's Postpile.

New this year, the market will be located in front of the Luxury Outlet Mall, and traffic on the frontage road will be re-routed to create a more pedestrian friendly environment. Also new this year, organizers are welcoming artists, craftspeople, retailers, and non-profit groups to join in the fun. Local bands and entertainers are also welcome to come and showcase their talents.

If you grow it, make it, speak it, or sing it, you should be participating in the Mammoth Lakes Farmer's Market. Space is limited. For more information on being a vendor or performer, please contact info@greenfoxevents.com or (760) 709-6744.

Yosemite National Park Begins Pile Burning

Yosemite National Park will start debris pile burning **Monday, May 16, 2011**. Pile burning locations will initially include Foresta, a small community surrounded by the park. Future pile burning will occur in the Merced Grove, as well as multiple areas along the Wawona Road such as, Bills Hill, Camp Wawona, and the South Entrance.

Piles of debris are typically burned during the spring and fall when the weather conditions are cooler and there is a higher amount of precipitation. Burn piles generally consist of down and dead forest material, such as tree limbs, logs, and brush. A maximum of 200 piles may be burned in one day. Each 100 piles burned equals roughly 1 acre of dead and down debris. Pile burning is beneficial for clearing forest undergrowth and reducing fuels. It provides an opportunity to clear the roadways from overhanging vegetation thereby creating a safer environment for motorists, as well as allowing the sun to reach the road which in turn helps the winter ice melt faster. In addition, pile burning can create fuel breaks that may be utilized during future prescribed fires in the area.

Temperatures over the next few weeks will remain cool, with sporadic rain predicted. Visitors and the surrounding communities should expect minimal smoke due to the pile burning in the Yosemite area. For more information on fire in Yosemite National Park, please visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/firemanagement.htm>

Recreation Highlights

Whitmore Pool Lap Swim Has Begun

Lap swimming at [Whitmore Pool](#) began **Monday, May 9, 2011** and is offered Monday – Friday between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., (excluding Wednesday). The High Sierra Triathlon Club have scheduled Lap Swim every Wednesday thru July 6, 2011 from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Public Lap Swim is available after Tri Club from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Join certified swim instructors/coaches for some extra stroke training. These classes are designed to improve on the four competitive strokes as well as get you trained up for that Triathlon you signed up for this summer! Classes are every Monday and Wednesday from 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. between May 11 - June 15, 2011, and Mondays only from June 20 - August 8, 2011. Cost is \$10 per day. Register by calling the Whitmore Pool at (760) 935-4222 or drop-in on the day. Season passes and punch cards are available for sale at the pool.

Sierra Club: May Activities

- Sierra Club Saturday May Ski trips for Intermediate skiers meet at 9am at ML Union Bank at 9:00 a.m. Info: John (760) 934-1767 or <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolg/>>
- Sierra Club Sunday, May 22, 2011 - Grouse Peak. Difficult hike, not for everyone. Please go to <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolg/>> for further details.

Johnny Teller Skier X Camp – May 14

With a motto of "point em and win", Johnny Teller captured the X-Games Gold Medal in Skier X this year and now you can master your Skier X skills with Johnny this spring in his race camp. Camp dates are **May 14-15, and May 21-22, 2011**. Cost is \$299/person. For more information or to sign-up, contact Pam Lonza with Mammoth Teams at (760) 934-0795 or plonza@mammoth-mtn.com.

CMU Presents the "Soloists" – May 14

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.

Mammoth Youth Football and Cheerleading Registration and Physicals – May 16

Register for Mammoth Youth Football on **Monday, May 16, 2011** at the Sierra Park Clinic between 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 for registration and \$20 for the physical (parent must accompany child). Please visit www.mammothyouthfootball.org for more information.

Sluggers Instructional T-Ball – May 18

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). Play is scheduled from **May 18 - June 22, 2011** every Wednesday, between 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Elementary School. Cost is only \$30 (includes shirt). Please register at the Recreation Department office prior to May 18.

Great Soccer Starts Here – May 19

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 / 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.

Six Unforgettable Days in the Sierras

Mammoth Mountain is excited to announce the return of the Mammoth Unbound Camp. The camp provides a unique opportunity for kids between 8-15 to visit Mammoth and experience everything the Sierras has to offer. Over the course of six, fun-filled days campers will participate in geocaching, skateboarding, mountain biking, rock climbing, zip lining as well as a day of hiking and rafting in Yosemite, before finishing the week with a horseback riding adventure through the mountains where they will camp overnight and sleep under the stars. Campers will be housed in same sex rooms at the Mammoth Mountain Inn with 24-hour supervision from our highly qualified staff. A 7-to-1 camper to counselor ratio ensures plenty of private attention for your child. All food is also included and the diverse menu will have healthy options for all. Camp dates are **July 10-15, July 24-29 and August 7-12, 2011**. Contact Pam Lonza at (760) 934-0795, email plonza@mammoth-mtn.com, or visit www.MammothMountain.com/SummerCamps for all the details or to make a reservation.

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.

- June 8 to June 7, 2011

Sports & Recreation Calendar

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- April 24 – May 31: SpringFest
- April 30: Opening Day of Mono County Fishing Season
- May 1 – June 30: Convict Lake Spring Fishing Derby
- May 9: Whitmore Pool Opens for Lap Swim
- May 12: RECSTRATS “Arts & Culture” Workshop
- May 12: Mammoth Lakes Swim Team Fundraiser at John’s Pizza Works
- May 14-15: Johnny Teller Skier X Camp
- May 14: CMU Presents “The Soloist”
- May 16: Mammoth Youth Football and Cheerleading Registration and Physicals
- May 17: Recreation Commission Special Meeting – Measure R Spring Presentations – if necessary
- May 18: Little Sluggers Begins at MES (ends June 22)
- May 19: Mammoth AYSO Registration @ Lee Vining
- May 21-22: Johnny Teller Skier X Camp
- May 21-22: Stacey Cook Race Camp
- May 25: Projected opening day of Lakes Basin Road
- May 26: Mammoth AYSO Registration @ MES
- May 28-30: Stacey Cook Race Camp
- 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 15: Recreation Commission/Town Council Study Session
- June 16-26: Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross
- June 23: RECSTRATS “Linkages & Priorities” Workshop
- June 24: Projected opening of Reds Meadow Road
- June 24: Mammoth Mountain Bike Park Opening Day

Public Service Announcements

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, Mammoth Disposal 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!

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.

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.

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.

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.