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Town News

Week of May 23, 2011

News from the Town Manager

Town Council Special Meeting – May 25

A special meeting of the Town Council has been scheduled on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Offices.

- **Policy Matter:** Continuation of Budget Presentation and Deliberation for Fiscal Year 2011-12, including presentation of detailed financial schedules and balancing options for the General Fund.

Town Council Meeting– June 1

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 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.

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.

Town Approved for Whitmore Track Project Grant

This week the Town was approved for \$112,404 from CalRecycle through the Tire-Derived Product Grant Program! Recycled tire product will be utilized for the all-weather polyurethane track and synthetic sports field. Construction of the track and field is scheduled for summer 2012. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Associate Planner Jen Daugherty at (760) 934-8989 Ext. 260.

Calls for Service/Officer Observations

148, including 5 business/building checks

Crime/Incident Reports

18 reports, including 9 arrests

Traffic Stops/Citations/Traffic Collisions

40 stops; 11 citations; 0 parking citations; 2 skate park citations; 1 collision

Animal Control Incidents

4 incidents; 2 reports

Wildlife Calls/Reports

4 calls; 2 reports

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, May 20 - Saturday, May 21 = 20%

Sunday, May 22 - Thursday, May 26 = 18%

Friday, May 27 - Sunday, May 29 - Memorial Day Weekend = 49%

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Community Development

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.

Planning Commission Meeting – May 25

The Planning Commission meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Suite Z on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 and includes the following items:

- Public hearing - UPA 10-005, New Search and Rescue Facility.
Staff Contact: Associate Planner Pam Kobylarz (760) 934-8989 Extension 253.
- Zoning Code Update – Residential Zoning Districts.
Staff Contact: Senior Planner Sandra Moberly (760) 934-8989 Extension 251.
- Zoning Code Update - Standards for Specific Uses.
Staff Contact: Associate Planner Jen Daugherty (760) 934-8989 Extension 260.

- o Business item – South Districts and NDP Integration (EC)

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.

Community News

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.

Bach to the Future!

Don't miss a musical journey through time with the Felici Trio and their students on Wednesday, May 25 1:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Library.

Recreation Highlights

Sluggers Instructional T-Ball to Begin May 25

Due to weather concerns the Recreation Department has decided to delay the start of Little Sluggers T-Ball by another week. We'll add on an extra night to compensate so the program will now run from Wednesday, May 25 thru June 29, 2011 - weather permitting of course. See you out on the field next Wednesday night and we'll make team assignments! T-ball provides a unique opportunity for parents to share quality time with their children while preparing them for future softball and baseball activities. Cost is only \$30 (includes shirt). Please register at the Recreation Department office prior to May 25.

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.

Amgen Tour of California - May 15 - 22

Many of the world's best professional cyclists began the [Amgen Tour of California](#), on Monday May 16, 2011. The race was scheduled to begin on Sunday in Lake Tahoe, but due to lingering winter snowfall, Stage 2 began from Nevada City on its way to Sacramento. If you're not able to travel and catch any of the stages, Versus will televise the race nightly or visit: www.amgentourofcalifornia.com.

Pamper wrap-up...

Steve Schmunk, Pamper Press and photographer extraordinaire, captured some great shots of the Pamper Pedal. To enjoy the slideshow, visit: <http://sports.webshots.com/slideshow/580178570fvkUSI>

Stacey Cook Race Camp - May 21

Two-time Olympian and US Ski Team member Stacey Cook will help you master your technical freeskiing, slalom and giant slalom skills in this race camp for ages 16 and older. Improve your downhill racing techniques with Stacey in two-day and three-day camps this spring. The first Camp begins Saturday, May 21 and the second and final camp is May 28-30, 2011. For more information or to sign-up, contact Pam Lonza with Mammoth Teams at (760) 934-0795 or plonza@mammoth-mtn.com.

Mammoth Progression Camps - May 21

Want to progress your freestyle riding? Step up your freestyle skills with the Mammoth Progression Camps! Take the "painful" out of progression when you learn new tricks on our new AcroBags. The AcroBags help cushion your landing so you can

concentrate on everything besides sticking your trick. The Mammoth Progression Camps are for all levels of skiers and riders from the first time park rider to the most advanced. Sessions begin Saturday, May 21, with Guest Pro Coaches : Kristi Leskinen, Matt Hammer, Trevor Jacob, Luke Mitrani, Chris Benchetler and again on Memorial Weekend with Matt Hammer. For more information or to sign-up, call Pam Lonza at (760) 934-0795 or email plonza@mammoth-mtn.com.

Johnny Teller Skier X Camp – May 21

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. The final camp is this weekend: 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.

Sierra Club: May Activities – May 22

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.

Final AYSO Registration at Mammoth Elementary School – May 26

The final Registration for Mammoth AYSO fall soccer is Thursday, May 26, 2011 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Elementary School. 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 (please bring birth certificates for new players). 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.

North County Ride – Rescheduled to June 4

Next up on the ride calendar for ESV is the [North County Ride](#), rescheduled from May 21 to Saturday, June 4, 2011 hosted by Sara & Steve Morra. Rolling out from Gus Hess Park in Lee Vining, there are several ride options for riders of all abilities. For more information and details of the ride, and to sign up for the ride, please [click here](#). Get on your bike and ride!

RecStrats Resumes June 8

The "High Altitude Training & Trails" Interactive workshop resumes on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center. All workshops are scheduled to run from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and light refreshments will be provided. RecStrats is the process recommended by the Town's Recreation Commission and approved by the Town Council to define "a vision for the recreation in Mammoth Lakes and a strategic plan for its implementation." The RecStrats implementation plan process will use 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 the framework for defining funding options for implementation.

If you are unable to attend the workshop, complete a survey in either English or Spanish online at: <http://recstrats.com>. You are also invited to complete a survey at key locations around town including the Town Offices, Mammoth Lakes Library, Mammoth Lakes Post Office and Snowcreek Athletic Club.

The remaining RECSTRATS topic-specific workshops are as follows:

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 - High Altitude Training & Trails
Thursday, June 23, 2011 - Linkages & Priorities

For additional information, please visit www.recstrats.com or call the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222.

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 18: ESV Pro Night at Footloose Sports
- May 19: Mammoth AYSO Registration @ Lee Vining
- May 19: Mammoth Trails Meeting
- May 21: ESV North County Ride
- May 21-22: Johnny Teller Skier X Camp
- May 21-22: Stacey Cook Race Camp

- May 21-22: Mammoth Progression Camps
- May 22: Sierra Club Grouse Peak hike
- May 25: Little Sluggers Begins at MES (ends June 29)
- May 25: Projected opening day of Lakes Basin Road
- May 26: Mammoth AYSO Registration @ MES
- May 28-30: Stacey Cook Race Camp
- May 28-30: Mammoth Progression Camps
- June 7: Recreation Commission Meeting
- June 8: Special 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 16: Snowcreek Golf Course Scheduled Opening Day
- June 17: Sierra Star Scheduled Opening Day
- 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

Motorists Urged to Use Caution

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department would like to caution motorists to be extra alert for migrating deer on Highway 395 and State Route 203. Large numbers of deer are on the move at this time of year and they pose a real threat to motorists. On Thursday, May 12, one vehicle swerved to avoid a deer and ran off Highway 395 near the airport. The deer was struck and killed and the driver and passenger were transported to Mammoth Lakes Hospital for injuries received in the collision. Both occupants were wearing safety belts which prevented more serious injuries from occurring. Another deer was struck and killed in the same area by a Mono County Sheriff's vehicle that was enroute to the first collision.

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 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.

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.

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.