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## **Town News**

**Week of August 29, 2011**

### **News from the Town Manager**

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#### **Town Council Meeting – Sept. 7**

The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in Suite Z in the Minaret Village Mall. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

#### **Calls for Service/Officer Observations**

206, including 1 business/building check

#### **Crime Incident Reports**

28 reports, including 6 arrests

#### **Traffic Stop/Citations/Traffic Collisions**

46 stops; 8 citations; 3 parking citations; 0 skate park citations; 0 collisions

#### **Animal Control Incidents**

8 incidents; 0 reports

#### **Wildlife**

17 calls; 3 reports

#### **Projected Average Resort Occupancy**

Friday, August 26 - Saturday, August 27 = 43%  
(44% same weekend in 2010, down 1% in 2011)

Sunday, August 28 - Thursday, September 1 = 25%  
(24% same midweek in 2010, up 1% in 2011)

#### **Twitter**

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## **Community Development**

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### **SR 203 Paving Update**

Due to issues with the asphalt plant, paving will resume on Tuesday, August 30, 2011. Consequently, grinding from Main Lodge to the Village will not start until Monday, August 29, 2011. Work to raise utility covers on Main St will continue today.

### **Town Initiates Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Education & Enforcement Program**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is working with the Lodging Association to implement a program to monitor and enforce transient occupancy tax (TOT) payments and rental activity within town. Transient occupancy taxes (TOT) are the largest single revenue source for the Town of Mammoth Lakes and provide vital services to our community which enhance our quality of life and maintain the resort. A hotline has been established to report any suspicious activity or rental advertisements. The Town will follow up on any reports submitted. The Hot Line Number is (760) 934-8989 ext. 275 or email your information to: [tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us).

## **Community News**

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### **The Felici Trio and Students Present an Afternoon of Music**

Enjoy entertaining music performed by the Eastern Sierra's Felici Trio and their talented students while sampling some of the area's best dishes at the Whoa Nellie Deli on **Sunday, August 28, 2011** between 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Make it a day trip and enjoy Mono Lake (at its highest level in many years!) or the new film being shown at the Mono Lake Committee in Lee Vining. The concert is free. Donations are welcome and support the scholarship fund of Chamber Music Unbound.

### **Gold Wing Riders Return to Mammoth**

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is the world's largest single-marque social organization for owners and riders of Honda Gold Wing/Valkyrie motorcycles - and some would say, the world's largest family. Dedicated to our motto, Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge, GWRRA members enjoy the freedom of belonging to a not-for-profit, non-religious and non-political organization. Over 400 riders from the California District will descend on Mammoth over Labor Day weekend. Details of the "Mammoth Mountain Stampede" can be found online at: <http://gwr-ra-ca.org>.

### **Edison Theatre Announces New Season Beginning September 8**

Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre Artistic Director Shira Dubrovner announced the new 2011/12 Season at the Edison Theatre. Deciding what to produce took time, research, and listening to what past patrons had to say. Those same skills have served her well over the past five years, and this season promises to have something for everyone. In fact, it will have many things for many people!

The new season begins with laughter and promises to continue building from there. "The Odd Couple" opens the season September 8 with Neil Simon's Tony Award-winning tale of mismatched roommates Oscar and Felix re-imagined as Olive and Florence. Instead of poker the girls play Trivial Pursuit, but the laughs are just as

funny—even updated a bit, while the situation remains. “The Odd Couple” runs September 8-19

Immediately following “The Odd Couple,” for one weekend only, and back by popular demand, is “Always, Patsy Cline.” The season continues in November with a two-day return-engagement of the Spolin Players. This time around, in addition to two evening performances that are sure to “Rock the Foundation,” they will offer limited-enrollment improv workshops for both young teens and adults, for a fee, during the day. Then in December the Edison Theatre plays host to a fully-realized 1940s-style radio show production of “It’s A Wonderful Life,” the beloved holiday-season favorite. It will be read by a host of talented local actors as if for a live radio broadcast with sound effects created on stage in front of the audience. Entertaining, fun, and educational!

The season continues in January with the National Poetry Out Loud competition, sponsored by the Mammoth Lakes Foundation. Last year Mono County was represented in Sacramento by Erica Robinson of Mammoth Lakes High School. It is followed by “Lend Me a Tenor,” a rib-tickling farce about mistaken identities and opera singers that runs February 9-19; a return of the Tahoe Adventure Film Festival follows in March; then in April, a Glee-style performance by the Long Beach Community College Jazz Choir; followed in May by a production of Theatre for Young Audiences with the actual production yet to be named.

Also in the spring, the Annual “Evening with the Stars” fundraiser takes place with as yet-to-be-announced major celebrity, or two, performing a staged reading in a sure to entertain and engage evening. Call the Theatre at (760) 934-6592 for more information or to purchase your tickets.

### **Early Bird Pricing ends Sept. 1 for 12th Annual Mammoth Lakes Foundation Golf Classic**

Registration for the Golf Classic is just \$100 for individuals and \$400 for foursomes until September 1. After September 1, 2011 individual registration is \$125 and foursome registration is \$500. All participants receive greens fees and cart, use of chipping and putting greens, lunch, tournament gift, awards party and silent auction, and the opportunity to support higher education and cultural enrichment in Mammoth.

Highlights of this year’s Golf Classic include four player scramble format, closest to the pin on all par threes, \$5,000 putting contest, hole-in-one award, raffle, and silent auction. New this year is the Super Ticket raffle with a grand prize of seven nights’ accommodations in Belize donated by Jeff and Denise Boucher. Super Tickets are just \$25 per entry, which also includes one “tee shot” mulligan and five regular raffle tickets. Only one Super Ticket will be sold per person so the odds of winning are outstanding.

Started in 2000, the Golf Classic has been an integral way for the Mammoth Lakes Foundation and its supporters to raise money for local student scholarships, the operation of South Gateway Student Apartments, support of the Mammoth Ski Museum and Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre, and planning for a proposed Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center.

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation would like to thank tournament sponsor Mr. Bob Hart. Tee sign and in-kind merchandise sponsorships are still available. Give your game some distance – play the 12th Annual Mammoth Lakes Foundation Golf

Classic! To register or find out more about the Golf Classic please call (760) 934-3781 or email [Maya@MammothLakesFoundation.org](mailto:Maya@MammothLakesFoundation.org).

### **Community Police Academy – Sept. 15**

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department will be hosting its second Community Police Academy starting on September 15, 2011. The Community Police Academy is open to community members who are interested in learning more about how the Mammoth Lakes Police Department operates.

The goal of the Community Police Academy is to form and maintain partnerships between the community and the Police by educating residents about the role of law enforcement. Participants will have the opportunity to see the criminal justice system as only an insider could; learn about the day-to-day operations of the Police Department, Detectives, Narcotics Enforcement, DUI and Traffic Enforcement, police equipment, training, tactics, and much more. Participants will also tour the Mono County Superior Court in Bridgeport, the Mono County Jail and Dispatch Center, and have hands-on experience with police firearms at the Firing Range.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older and live or work in the Mammoth Lakes area. The class will be limited to a maximum of 15 students. Classes will be held every Thursday from 6 p.m. until 9:15 p.m., beginning September 15 and ending on November 10, 2011. Applications are available at the Mammoth Lakes Police Department (568 Old Mammoth Road) Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Officer David Scobie at (760) 934-2011 X55, or at [dscobie@mammothlakespd.org](mailto:dscobie@mammothlakespd.org).

### **Mammoth Lakes Police Community Hispanic Advisory Committee Meeting – Oct. 18**

The Mammoth Lakes Police Community Hispanic Advisory Committee will be holding another Town Hall on Tuesday, October 18 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Sierra Lodge, Emerald Room. Presentations will be made by representatives from the Mexican Consulate, Child Protection Services, the Mono County District Attorney, the Mono County Superior Court, and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). 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.

## **Recreation Highlights**

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### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS...**

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#### **Showboat Youtheatre Performance Schedule**

Alley Katz:	Fri: 3-5 p.m. at Mammoth Lakes Arts Center (dress rehearsal) (Fri. 5:30 p.m. backstage for make-up, we need parent volunteers and snacks!)
Showtime:	Friday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., at the ML Arts Center.

Bye Bye Birdie: Fri: no practice today – come see Alley Katz -7:30 p.m.  
Sat: 9-12 noon at ML Art Center (dress rehearsal – eat a hearty breakfast!)

Showtimes: Saturday, August 27, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., at the ML Arts Center

ALL PERFORMERS MUST BE BACKSTAGE AT THE THEATRE COMPANY, DRESSED, MAKE UP DONE, AND READY TO GO ½ AN HOUR BEFORE SHOWTIME! A \$5 suggested donation will be accepted at the door.

DON'T FORGET FLOWERS FOR YOUR FAVORITE PERFORMER!

### **Softball Playoff's at Shady Rest Park**

The public is welcome to participate in the final nights of our local adult softball league scheduled for Monday, August 29 and Thursday, September 1, at Shady Rest park from 5:00 p.m. to dark. On tap for Monday evening will be the continuation of our single elimination men's league play-offs amongst the surviving four teams: ROCKSTAR, GREYHAWK, ORIGINALE GUERREROS, AND GRUMPY'S HOLY ROLLERS. Tuesday and Thursday nights will feature great games from our coed A and B leagues. It appears that SHADOW CREW and PRESSON CONSTRUCTION will engage again for first place, and in the B league E-Z DUZIT'S first place position is being threatened by the last game of the night versus SOFTBALLZ DEEP. Grab a hotdog and cheer on your favorite team! Special priced player (and spectator) appreciation dinners will be available for \$1 on Monday and Thursday nights.

### **Lap Swim at Whitmore Pool Ends Sept. 9**

Lap Swim continues five mornings a week, Monday through Friday from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. until September 9, 2011. Cost is only \$4/swim. Thank you for you patronage and we hope to see you next summer! For more information call the pool during open hours at (760) 935-4222.

### **We Want to Hear From You!**

The Recreation Department would like to hear what you have to say about our products and programs. If you participated in one of our many youth and adult programs, or enjoyed one of our parks or facilities, please take the time to complete the Customer Satisfaction Survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PZ3JCYQ>. Customer Satisfaction Survey's are also available for collection from the Recreation office located in the Minaret Village Mall, above Giovanni's. Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for additional information. We look forward to hearing from you!

### **Contact Us**

All the summer, fall, winter and Spring events, programs and activities are listed on [www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us) and in the 2011-12 Annual Mammoth Recreation Guide. Please call the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 or visit us in the Town Offices – Minaret Village Mall (above Giovanni's) to register for a program, for additional information or to forward your comments and suggestions.

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## **RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN TOWN...**

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### **Mammoth Mud Run**

Stomp through mud pits! Crawl on your hands and knees underneath obstacles! Haul your body up and over walls! And that's just a partial listing of what you'll have to do. The 1st Annual Mammoth Mud Run tests your endurance and strength in a series of obstacles, mud pits and more over a span of 5 kilometers. It's fun. It's dirty. It will leave you breathless. Join us for the highest Mud Run in California on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at the Village at Mammoth/Canyon Lodge. Tony Horton, the master behind the best selling fitness program in America P90X® is hosting warm-up sessions at the start so don't miss out! For more information and to register visit [www.MammothMountain.com/MammothMudRun](http://www.MammothMountain.com/MammothMudRun).

### **JLA 3rd Annual Putting Contest**

Be the JLA Putting Champion and support the Volcom Brothers Skatepark in the 3rd Annual JLA Putting Contest this Sunday, August 28, 2011 at Sierra Star. Beginning at high noon, the 9-hole contest on the putting green is full of food, fun and awesomeness! There are tons of prizes to be raffled – tickets are \$20 for 5 tickets or \$5 each - no golf experience necessary, kids & families welcome. Enter at WAVE RAVE or by emailing [brothersskatepark@gmail.com](mailto:brothersskatepark@gmail.com). \$20.00 Individual/ \$10.00 Kids / \$75.00 Team of 4 \$125.00 Pin Flag Sponsor.

### **Friends of the Inyo 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Join Friends of the Inyo on Saturday, September 10, 2011 for a fun evening of local food, Join Muir-inspired wine, live music, awesome prizes and amazing views at the June Mountain Chalet. Friends of the Inyo is celebrating its 25th year as an advocacy group working toward the preservation, exploration and stewardship of the Eastern Sierra's public lands. The event at June Mountain takes place on the edge of the Owens River Headwaters Wilderness, where much of Friends of the Inyo's work began. All proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the non-profit. The cost is \$60 per individual, \$100 for two, and \$250 per table of six.

The festivities begin with a chairlift ride up to the chalet, where guests can enjoy the late afternoon sun with a hike or a game of horseshoes. The reception begins at 5:00 p.m., with live music by The Littlest Birds, fine wines from Muir-Hanna vineyards, appetizers, and a no-host bar. Dinner is served around 6:00 p.m., featuring produce grown by Eastern Sierra farmers. After dinner, the celebration of the Eastern Sierra's public lands continues with a slide show, raffle prize giveaways, more music and dancing.

This summer, Friends of the Inyo is doing more to care for the Eastern Sierra's public lands than ever before. From wilderness stewardship and volunteer trail days to restoring pupfish habitat, there are projects and outings happening across the region. For more information, visit [friendsoftheinyo.org](http://friendsoftheinyo.org).

## **Comment on the Devils Postpile National Monument Proposals**

Devils Postpile National Monument has reached another milestone in its general management planning where public input is requested. The planning process began in June 2009 with a series of public workshops where people shared their thoughts, concerns, and desires for the future of Devils Postpile. The planning team has now developed four preliminary alternatives and each alternative offers a different approach to managing the monument's resources as well as a variety of ways to meet the needs of visitors of all ages who continue to come to experience this special place.

The purpose of the general management plan is to create a vision and overall management philosophy for Devils Postpile that will guide decision-making by current and future generations for the next 15 to 20 years. The four preliminary alternatives present different management strategies for resource protection and preservation, education and interpretation, visitor use and facilities, land protection and boundaries, and long-term operations and management of Devils Postpile National Monument.

The plan for Devils Postpile also presents opportunities for additional collaboration and coordination with the Inyo National Forest to develop desired conditions for the overall visitor experience and broad resource management issues related to the larger watershed. Devils Postpile National Monument is surrounded by the Inyo National Forest and both agencies work as partners to provide integrated management within the Reds Meadow valley. The Inyo National Forest is a cooperating agency in the planning process.

A newsletter has been released containing details about the alternatives, collaboration with the Inyo National Forest, and the planning process. Copies can be obtained at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, the Devils Postpile Ranger Station, the White Mountain Ranger Station, and the Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center, or by download at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/depo>.

A public open house will be held at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Library on Thursday, September 15, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come learn about the alternatives and share their ideas to help the planning team refine these preliminary proposals. To learn more about Devils Postpile National Monument visit <http://www.nps.gov/depo> and to submit comments visit the National Park Service Planning website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/depo>.

## **Mammoth Lakes Farmers Market**

Farmers Market is back in Mammoth every Wednesday between 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. until the end of summer. Grab your re-usable shopping bag and get over to the Luxury Outlet Mall on Main Street for some home grown produce, arts & crafts, entertainment and more. For vendor information contact: [info@greenfoxevents.com](mailto:info@greenfoxevents.com), (760) 709-6744 or Facebook us.

## **ON-GOING RECREATION PROGRAMS...**

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### **Party Yourself into Shape!**

Zumba® Fitness is offered every Monday by Kaysie Williams from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail (near The Village). Zumba® Fitness is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-

burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Participants don't even have to know how to dance. Just move your body and follow the instructor's lead. It's easy! Participants can purchase a 10 class punch card for \$77.50 or a 5 class punch card for only \$42.50. The Drop-In rate is \$10 per class. For more information or to register call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Feel the music and let loose!

### **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.

- 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!

## **Sports & Recreation Calendar**

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- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- On-going: Zumba Fitness at the Community Center
- On-going: Lap swim at the Whitmore Pool – last day Sept. 9
- On-going: Tennis Lessons every Tuesday/Thursday
- On-going: Main Street Farmers Market every Wednesday
- On-going: Footloose Sports Tour of Mammoth Bike Challenge
- On-going: Coed Softball League
- On-going: Men's Softball League
- August 26-27: Showboat Youtheatre performance: *Alley Katz* and *Bye Bye Birdie*
- August 26-28: Mammoth Rocks – a taste of the sierra
- August 27: Mammoth Lakes Summer of Stewardship Trail Day at Convict Lake
- August 27: Wave Rave/Volcom Skateboard Competition
- August 27: Mammoth Mud Run
- August 28: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual JLA Putting Contest
- Sept. 3: Mono County free Fishing Day
- Sept. 3-4: June Lake Horseshoe Tournament
- Sept: 3-5: Mammoth Lakes Tennis Club Labor Day Doubles Tournament
- Sept. 4: Ned's Mammoth Rock Race
- Sept. 5: Mammoth Lakes Cricket Invitational
- Sept. 9: Whitmore Pool closes for the season
- Sept. 9: High Sierra Fall Century Bike Race
- Sept. 10: Mammoth AYSO Fall Soccer Season begins (ends October 2, 2011)
- Sept. 11: Summer of Stewardship Day at Convict Lake

## **Public Service Announcements**

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### **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 PD 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.

### **Carbon Monoxide Detectors Save Lives**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has launched a community outreach effort to inform community residents that on July 1, 2011 many homes will be required to install carbon monoxide detectors.

The Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that carbon monoxide kills approximately 500 people each year and injures another 20,000 people nationwide. In an effort to prevent these accidental deaths and injuries, the California legislature enacted SB 183 (Lowenthal) which mandates owners of dwelling intended for human occupancy to install carbon monoxide devices in existing dwelling units having a fossil fuel burning heater or appliance, fireplace, or attached garage.

CO devices must be installed in all specified single-family dwellings by July 1, 2011. All other specified dwelling units must have CO devices installed by January 1, 2013.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) has developed a list of certified CO devices that meet the requirement specified within the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2010.

For a complete list of currently approved devices please visit the SFM's website at [http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licenselisting\\_bml\\_searchcotest.php](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licenselisting_bml_searchcotest.php). Under the search categories provided select Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors for a complete list of devices.

Further details contained within the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2010:

- Owners shall install CO devices in a manner consistent with building standards applicable to new construction for the relevant type of occupancy if it is technically feasible. See the 2010 California Building Code, Section 420.4, and the 2010 California Residential Code, Section R315.
- CO devices shall produce a distinct audible alarm.

- CO devices may be combined with a smoke detector, if the combination device meets all specified SFM listing and approval requirements.
- Violation of Health & Safety Code Section 17926 is an infraction punishable by a maximum fine of two-hundred dollars for each offense.
- A local enforcement agency shall provide the property owner a 30-day notice to correct.
- Local jurisdictions are authorized to adopt ordinances requiring CO devices if the ordinance is consistent with the requirement of this bill.

For a full list of this legislation's stipulations please review the Department of Housing and Community Development's Information Bulletin 2011-01 at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/codes/shl/infobulls/IB2011-01.pdf>.

### **The Bears are Back!**

It is time to remind all our residents and visitors that it is our responsibility to KEEP WILDLIFE WILD. The best way of doing this, and preventing bears from becoming dependent on humans for food, is to follow these common sense rules:

- Never feed any wildlife, or leave food out for bears or other wild animals.
- Securely store food and fragrant items such as shampoo and deodorant in an airtight container. When camping, use a bear-proof box.
- Don't leave food, even in a cooler, in a car, tent, or other unsecured location.
- Don't leave pet food outdoors or use a bird feeder. Bears love bird seed!
- Always deposit trash in a bear proof trash can or dumpster.
- Keep your car locked and your garage door closed.
- Close and lock ground floor windows when no one is home.

It is not unusual to see black bears wandering through town. Enjoy them, but keep your distance. If you see a bear that is misbehaving (such as trying to get into a trash dumpster, vehicle, or building) call 911 immediately. The Town's Wildlife Specialist and police officers are trained to handle situations such as this. Bears are shy and generally afraid of people. If you feel threatened by a bear, yell or bang on something to scare the bear away. If by chance a bear enters a structure looking for food while you are inside, make a lot of noise and go into another room, close the door, and call 911. The bear will most likely be more frightened than you and leave.

It is also time to remind everyone that all wildlife, including deer, are on the move. When driving, especially at dusk and dawn, be on the lookout for wild animals crossing the roadway. Striking a deer or bear can be fatal – not only to the animal, but also to people in the car.

For more information on co-existing with wildlife in Mammoth Lakes, contact the Town's Wildlife Specialist Steve Searles at (760) 937-BEAR or Lieutenant John Mair at (760) 934-2011 Extension 44.

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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](http://www.crlaction.org).