



Town of Mammoth Lakes

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Town News

Week of October 17, 2011

News from the Town Manager

Town Council Meeting – October 19

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Suite Z/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 Hearings: Adopt the Town of Mammoth Lakes Trail System Master Plan (TSMP) and certify the Trail System Master Plan EIR.
- Policy Matters: (1) Approve the draft scope of work for the Economic Development Program. (Continued from the meeting of October 5, 2011.) (2) Approve the Measure R Fall Award Timeline and the Town of Mammoth Lakes Fall Applications. (3) Give direction regarding the Measure U Steering Committee Supplanting Policy Recommendation. (4) Give direction regarding Prohibition of Skateboards on Streets.

Town of Mammoth Lakes Receives Safe Routes to School Grant

The Town of Mammoth Lakes was recently awarded another Safe Routes to School Grant under Cycle 3 of the Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program. The amount is \$961,400 with no match requirement. The grant will fund the sidewalk project along the north side of Meridian Blvd. from Joaquin to Sierra Park. This is a key route for children from the Sierra Valley area as well as areas on the south side of Meridian Blvd. 139 project applications were selected out of the 332 applications submitted statewide. Each District through the District Selection Committee Process selected their highest scored projects up to their funding target of \$66 million. Please contact Public Works Director Ray C. Jarvis at rjarvis@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us for additional information.

Transit Ridership Update – September

Ridership on the Town Trolley, Dial-a-Ride and LIFT buses is up 12% over last year. We had over 28,000 riders in September about 3,000 more than last year. Trolley ridership is up 15% over last year; Mid Town Lift is up 18 % over last year, and the Old Mammoth Lift is up 1% over last year.

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

The Mammoth Lakes Police Community Hispanic Advisory Committee has finalized plans for the next Town Hall meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. THE LOCATION HAS CHANGED TO THE MONO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, 100 THOMPSONS WAY.

Tours of the new courthouse will begin at 5:00 p.m. If not planning on attending the courthouse tour, attendees should arrive at 5:30 p.m. Presentations will be made by representatives from the Mexican Consulate, Mono County 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. Food will be provided and the Mammoth Community Church, which is adjacent to the courthouse, will be open for supervised child care. 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.

Calls for Service/Officer Observations

127, including 0 business/building checks

Crime Incident Reports

15 reports, including 5 arrests

Traffic Stop/Citations/Traffic Collisions

34 stops; 2 citations; 1 parking citation; 0 skate park citations; 2 collisions

Animal Control Incidents

1 incident; 0 reports

Wildlife

3 calls; 0 reports

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, October 14 - Saturday, October 15 = 29%
(22% same weekend in 2010, up 7% in 2011)

Sunday, October 16 - Thursday, October 20 = 18%
(13% same midweek in 2010, up 5% in 2011)

Twitter

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Community Development

Draft Mobility Element Released for Public Review

The Town's Draft Mobility Element has been released for public review and is available online: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=425>.

The public review period will end Friday, December 16, 2011. Comments on the Draft Element should be submitted to Jessica Morriss, Associate Transportation Planner, at Jmorriss@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us or at (760) 934-8989 ext. 225.

Community News

Mammoth Lakes Community Blood Drive

Be a blood hero and donate blood between Tuesday, October 18 and Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Mammoth Lakes Fire Station on Main Street. To schedule an appointment, log on to www.bloodhero.com and use the Sponsor Code: SNOW, or contact (760) 914-0470. Sponsored by the Mammoth Noon Rotary.

Fire Prevention Week

The week of October 9-15, 2011 has been designated as National Fire Prevention Week. Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

Today, fires in the home take a great role in life and property. During the five-year period from 2005-2009, it has been estimated that US Fire Departments responded to a yearly average of 373,900 reported home structure fires per year. These fires caused an estimated average of 3,200 deaths, 12,890 injuries, and \$7.1 billion in property damage per year. Smoking remains the leading cause of fire death and cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries.

Installing systems such as smoke alarms and residential fire sprinklers, as well as identifying potential hazards, can reduce the risk of home fires and property loss, injury, or death due to fire. Nearly two-thirds of home structure fire deaths occur in homes where there was no smoke alarm, or where smoke alarms were present but failed to operate.

Top fire safety tips:

- Watch your cooking: stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- Give space heaters room: keep fixed and portable heaters at least three feet from anything combustible. Turn heaters off when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Smoke outside: ask smokers to go outside. Have sturdy, deep ashtrays.
- Keep matches/lighters out of reach: Keep igniters out of reach of children or locked away.

- Inspect electrical cords: replace cords that are cracked, damaged, broken plugs, or loose connections.
- Do not overload circuits: do not place more on a circuit than designed for.
- Be careful using candles: keep candles at least one foot from combustibles, blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Have a home escape plan: make a plan, make everyone aware of it, and practice it at least twice a year.
- Install both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms: install in bedrooms, in hallways leading to bedrooms, and at least one per floor level. Interconnect alarms so when one sounds, they all sound. Test every six months, replace batteries once a year, and replace alarm after ten years.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms: install in bedrooms or in hallways leading to bedrooms and at least one per floor level. Locate an alarm within 20 feet of any combustible appliances. Test every six months, replace batteries once a year, and replace alarm after five years.
- Install sprinklers: If you are building or remodeling your home, install residential fire sprinklers. Sprinklers can contain and even extinguish a fire in less time than it takes for the fire department to respond.

For more information or for any questions pertaining to fire related issues, please feel free to contact the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department at (760) 934-2300.

Edison Theatre Hosts Return Engagement "Always...Patsy Cline" – Going Local

When "Always...Patsy Cline" was produced at the Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre two years ago it starring a local and an import from Los Angeles. This time the show, back by popular demand for a limited run October 14-16, 2011, stars a long-time second home owner as Patsy Cline, and that LA import who played the fan of Patsy's on whom the show is based, is back but this time as a new resident of Mammoth Lakes. "Always...Patsy Cline" runs three performances only, Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 16 at 4:00 p.m. This is a limited engagement, so book early before the shows sell out! Contact the Edison Theatre at (760) 934-6592 for details and tickets.

Recreation Highlights

ESV Hosts the Benton Hot Springs Ride

Eastside Velo is hosting the Benton Hot Springs Ride this Sunday, October 15, 2011. The ride will be an out-and-back from the hot springs to Wildrose, which is approx. 25 miles including some climbing, or to the top of Waterson, a 40 mile ride. There will be a support station at the top of Wildrose. Riders are to meet in Benton at 9:45 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. departure. Options will include staying overnight after the ride at Benton Hot Springs as well as simply having a hot soak after lunch at the hot springs. Jan and Scott Busby are our hosts (scottbusby@schat.net). If you plan on camping that night at the hot springs, there will be a \$10 per/person charge. If you would just like to soak after the ride, and not camp overnight, that would be great. This ride is free to ESV members. Non-members may join the ride for a \$15 event fee.

Women's Only FREE Soccer Clinics – Oct. 9-30

Are you a former player or have kids that play AYSO and you want to learn more about the international craze of FUTBOL? Come one, come all...No experience necessary and it's FREE! The clinics are scheduled every Sunday, between October 9 – 30, 2011 at Shady Rest Park (U12 field) between 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Develop basic to advanced soccer skills in a women's only session. Each session includes training drills and scrimmages. Cleats and Shinguards are required. Contact Recreation Supervisor Stephanie Daniel at (760) 934-8989 ext. 237 for information or to register.

Halloween Carnival & Haunted House in The Village – Oct. 28

The Recreation Department has set the date for this year's Halloween Events. The Children's Carnival will take place Friday, October 28, 2011 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at The Village at Mammoth. Set time aside now to bring the family to what is sure to be a great time. This year's festivities will include carnival games such as tin can alley, hit the witch, evil clown throw, duck pond, Ellin's rat head lollipop pull, ring toss, and the famous fairy and dragon realm. All games, including the Haunted House open at 6:00 p.m. There will also be multiple cakewalks all night and trick-or-treating throughout the Village (begins at 5:00 p.m.) so arrive in plenty of time to participate. The Recreation Department has lots of fun prizes for everyone, no one will leave empty handed. Carnival tickets are 50 cents apiece – purchase them at the event. We'll also offer an all access wrist band for \$20. This year the carnival will feature a thrilling haunted house staffed with zombies who like to make little children (and adults) scream in delight! Enter at your own risk...Entrance to the Haunted House will require four 50-cent tickets. (\$2) For more information or to help out, please call John Connolly at (760) 934-8989 ext. 234.

'Hot Shots' Youth Basketball League – Oct. 31

The 'Hot Shots' coed basketball program is a great way for 3rdth – 5th grade basketball enthusiasts to improve on the sport of basketball. With parent involvement as coaches, scorekeepers, and referees, a solid program has been established from which both boys and girls can learn about dribbling, passing, shooting, and the rules of the game. The registration deadline is Monday, October 31, 2011. Register at the Recreation department Office located above Giovanni's in the Minaret Village Mall. The cost is \$30/child. Please call John Connolly at (760) 934-8989 ext. 234 for more information or to volunteer.

Second Summer Fishing Derby

Western Outdoor News and YUM Troutkrilla, in conjunction with Mono County Tourism and Mammoth Lakes Tourism are proud to present the Inaugural Mono County/Mammoth Lakes YUM 'Second Summer Derby and Fundraiser. Beginning on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and concluding on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 three specifically tagged 2 lbs+ Trout dubbed "Troutkrilla", paid for by PRADCO, will be planted in each of the participating lakes on September 6th. These trout will carry a tag worth a corresponding Instant Win Prize, and also a raffle ticket for a Shopping Spree with www.Lurenet.com. The Grand Raffle Prize is a fully rigged 14' Gregor with a 15hp Mercury Motor and an EZ Load Trailer. Catch a tagged Trout and instantly receive 1 entry in the drawing for the Boat (Grand Raffle prize)! Call 888 GO-MAMMOTH for additional information.

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 on Forest Trail.

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 -ins are welcome and encouraged - First one is FREE! Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to register your aspiring Gymnast!

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 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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Sports & Recreation Calendar

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- On-going: Zumba Fitness at the Community Center
- On-going: Main Street Farmers Market every Wednesday
- On-going: Mammoth AYSO Fall Soccer Season (ends October 30, 2011)
- Sept. 6: Second Summer Fishing Derby (ends Nov. 15)
- Oct. 1: Ambush at the Lake Fall Fishing Derby begins at Convict Lake
- Oct. 8: Joe Stapp Memorial U10 Soccer Tournament
- Oct. 9-30: Women's Only FREE Soccer Clinics
- Oct. 9: Bodie Hills Fall Color Hike
- Oct. 15: ESV Hosts the Benton Hot Springs Ride
- Oct. 20: Mammoth Trails Meeting
- Oct. 28: Halloween Carnival & Haunted House – Village at Mammoth
- Oct. 31: Registration Deadline for 'Hot Shots' Youth Basketball League
- Nov. 10: Mammoth Mountain Opening Day (BWKO)

Public Service Announcements

Caltrans Alert - Watch for Deer

As the weather turns cooler in the high country, the deer population is moving to their winter feeding grounds. To reduce deer/vehicle accidents Caltrans identifies known deer migration crossings on State highways with warning signs. The vegetation along the sides of the roadway is mowed increasing the site distance of the driver. New construction and rehabilitation projects include flattening of the slopes next to the roadway and the removal of bitter brush seed from the re-vegetation mix. Biologist from Caltrans and Department of Fish & Game continue to study the habits of the deer population working to develop new technology that will improve driver safety as well as deer safety.

Ways to Prevent a Collision with a Deer:

1. Watch for the rest of the gang - Deer are pack animals, and rarely travel alone. If a deer crosses in front of you, chances are there are more nearby. Slow down and keep an eye out for more deer darting across the road.
2. Timing is everything - Deer are most active at dusk and dawn: periods when your vision is most compromised. To add to their terrible timing, deer are on the move during mating season (between October and January) when you're more likely to travel after the sun sets. Slow down and stay alert, especially after dark.
3. Wear your seatbelt - It may not prevent a collision, but if the inevitable happens a seatbelt can reduce injuries. This is especially true if you lose control and collide with something bigger, and more stationary than a deer.
4. Take a moment to reflect - First, look for the road signs. The yellow diamonds

with the deer on it are placed in high-traffic areas for deer. You may also spot a deer because their eyes will brightly reflect a car's headlights, making them easier to spot.

5. Stay Center - On a multi-lane road, the center lane is your safest bet for avoiding a deer collision, as long as your local traffic laws permit it. This gives deer plenty of space; and in case your vehicle does startle them, it gives you more time to react if one darts onto the road.

6. Stay the course - If you see a deer, brake firmly and calmly, and stay in your lane. Swerving could make you lose control of your vehicle and turn a bad situation much worse. Not to mention, deer are unpredictable, and you could swerve directly into their changed path.

7. Honk! - Some experts recommend that one long blast of the horn will scare deer out of the road. Do not rely on hood whistles or other devices designed to scare off deer — studies have shown them to be largely ineffective at minimizing accidents.

What to do if you hit a deer:

1. Pull to the side of the road as soon as it is safe to do so.
2. Turn on your hazard lights and remain in the vehicle until you are sure it is safe.
3. Call emergency services if injuries are involved or the local police for property damage.
4. Stay away from the deer. If it is still alive, it could be confused, injured and dangerous if approached. When contacting the authorities, let them know if the deer is in a dangerous spot on the road so that it can be removed.

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

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is working with the Mammoth Lakes Lodging Association to implement a program to monitor and enforce transient occupancy tax (TOT) payments and rental activity within town.

TOT is the Lifeblood of our Town

Because TOT is the lifeblood of the town and provides us with so many essential services, the Town is tackling this problem through a TOT education and enforcement program. The Town and Mammoth Lakes Tourism have engaged our lodging partners and the Chamber of Commerce to help formulate a program for TOT enforcement.

Town Council Takes Action

The Town Council considers TOT enforcement a high priority because of the vital services it provides as well as the fact that, in the past, unreported and illegal rental activity has cost the Town hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars.

Anyone who violates the Town's Ordinance and rents their unit/home within a legally zoned area without first obtaining a business tax certificate and a transient occupancy tax certificate will be subject to the 13% transient occupancy tax, penalties, interest for their rental activity and may be fined up to \$500 per day along with enforcement charges. If you're renting in a non-legally zoned area, additional fines, including possible criminal action may apply. The Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code (Chapter 3.12) includes detailed rules and regulations pertaining to TOT.

TOT Hotline

A hotline has been established to report any suspicious activity or rental advertisements and 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.

TOT Provides Vital Community Services

Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) are the largest single revenue source for the Town of Mammoth Lakes. This visitor generating revenue provides vital services to our community which enhances our quality of life and maintains the resort status as a great place to live and work. Vital community services include:

- Free transportation (usage and need are growing).
- Snow removal (we would not be able to get around town without it).
- Road maintenance (surfacing, routing, and safety).
- Public safety (police funding, without TOT the population increases without funding for our protection).
- Parks and pools maintenance (facilities need upgrading and maintenance without TOT this can't happen).
- Trails (TOT will help create and maintain walking, hiking and biking trails within the town of Mammoth Lakes).

Transient Occupancy Tax – the details...

You've probably heard the term TOT and wondered what it was and how it affects you. Transient Occupancy Taxes (or TOT) are the taxes that visitors pay when renting a unit or hotel room in town. In the Town of Mammoth Lakes the daily tax rate is 13 percent. This tax rate applies to all rentable units: hotels, motels, condominiums, and single family homes that are permitted to rent on a nightly basis. For comparison, the Town of Truckee's transient occupancy tax rate is 10%, and the City of Anaheim's (Disneyland) transient occupancy tax is 15%.

TOT payments were strong last year due to the high visitation and the Town has seen quarterly improvements in this year's TOT funds. Even though the Town collects an average of \$11 million dollars in TOT per year, we may be leaving more on the table. Some estimate that uncollected TOT could be up to \$400,000 per year.

Unreported or uncollected TOT isn't just about the missing funds; it also affects local businesses in other ways. Owners who rent their units without collecting TOT drive down the rental rates for legitimate rental properties that do collect. Depending on the situation, not collecting and remitting TOT could be a misdemeanor or even embezzlement which is a criminal charge. Quite simply - it's illegal.

If you have questions about TOT enforcement please call Pam Kobylarz at (760) 934-8989 ext. 253 or she may be reached via e-mail at pkobylarz@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us. Thank you for your attention to this very important subject that affects our quality of life and the health of our community.

Mammoth Lakes Police Department is Looking for Reserve Police Officers

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department is reactivating its Police Reserve Officer Program. Police Reserve Officers are part-time volunteers who supplement the full time officers. They can serve a variety of assignments including patrol, special events, prisoner transportation, and wildlife management. Police Chief Dan Watson reports that he and other Eastern Sierra law enforcement personnel have been working with Cerro Coso College to institute a Reserve Academy at the Bishop or Mammoth Lakes campus. In the meantime, the Mammoth Lakes Police Department

is looking for any retired police officers who live in the general area who may be interested in joining the MLPD as a Reserve Officer. Anyone interested in learning more about the MLPD Police Reserve Program should contact Sergeant Marc Moscowitz at (760) 934-2011 ext. 68 or at mmoscowitz@mammothlakespd.org.

New Non-Stop Winter Flights to Mammoth Lakes

Beginning this winter, San Diego and Orange County residents will have easy access to world-class skiing and snowboarding thanks to [United Airlines'](#) new non-stop service to Mammoth Yosemite Airport. United is also expanding service from San Francisco International Airport to Mammoth Lakes with a second flight from Friday – Monday. The new flights will depart daily throughout the winter from San Diego and four days per week from Orange County (Friday - Monday). In addition, air service to and from San Francisco now includes additional Friday - Monday flight service to complement the daily flight service already in existence.

United Express regional partner SkyWest Airlines will operate the flights using 66-seat CRJ700 regional jets which include six first-class and 60 economy seats per plane. The first flights of the season are scheduled to depart Thursday, December 15, 2011 from San Francisco and San Diego and Friday, December 16, 2011 from Orange County. For more information about the new flights or to reserve a seat, call 1-800-UNITED1 or visit www.united.com. For more information about Mammoth Mountain, visit www.mammothmountain.com.

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. 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>.

Keep Our Wildlife Wild!

The best way to KEEP WILDLIFE WILD 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.

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.