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Town News

Town e-News – Week of July 26, 2013

News from the Town Manager

Town Council Meeting – August 7

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Town Manager's Update - July 25

I want to hear from you! What would you like to see in my updates? What, in your opinion, interests the community and the employees? – Please let me know your thoughts.

Town's accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2012-13:

The Town has developed a succinct list of major accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2012-13. We will publish it in the local media, online and in print by the end of August / early September.

MRF: At the last night's Town Council meeting, an announcement was made, following the closed session, regarding the following: (i) that no decision was made on the parcel of land intended for the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), in the Industrial Park; and (ii) there will be an extensive public process regarding the MRF facility, regardless of the Town's decision – or its timing – on the parcel.

TBID: Also at the last night's Town Council meeting, formation of the Tourism Improvement District was approved, effective September 1, 2013. The district would add close to \$5 million annually to the current Measure A / General Fund budget provided by the Town to Mammoth Lakes Tourism for tourism promotion and marketing. The new money will flow directly to MLT, with the collections processed by the Town under a contract with MLT.

Contract for Ongoing IT services with Mono County: Last night, the Town Council approved the scope of work, and authorized me to enter into a five-year contract with Mono County for the ongoing IT and GIS services. Same request will now go to the Board of Supervisors, in August. We hope to have an agreement in place by the end of August.

CED Director Selection: A 6-person panel interviewed 3 leading candidates on Monday. We have two strong finalists based on the panel's feedback.

- For the leading finalist, we will soon start an extensive background check, as well as a reference check. These will be conducted in August.
- At the end of August, a follow up phone interview will be held with the leading finalist. Joining me for this interview will be a business owner / community member, Pam Kobylarz, and a staff person from CED. I also have encouraged up to two Council members to be included; Rick Wood and Matthew Lehman were on the interview panel.
- After reviewing the background and reference checks, and conducting the follow up interview, I hope to be able to make a hiring decision. (Which I will do quickly if I am comfortable with the information.) We may be able to have the incumbent on board in September.

Personnel and Risk Analyst Selection:

- Initial panel interviews were held a few weeks ago. The group of candidates was narrowed down by the panel to three.
- A follow up panel interview with the three panelists was held on Monday. We had a tie between two strong candidates. One of the candidates, unfortunately, accepted another offer a day after the interview.
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Plan for Ray Jarvis's and Johnny Goetz's Replacements:

1. INTERIM COVERAGE:

- *Public Works & Transportation Director:* At the recommendation of Ray Jarvis and Peter Bernasconi, no interim will be used. Peter Bernasconi will perform day-to-day administrative tasks of the director, until a permanent replacement is found. In addition, recruitment for a budgeted but vacant Assistant Engineer will begin as soon as possible, to help the engineering staff (including Peter) with the management of the existing workload.
- *Assistant Building Official:* At the recommendation of Sandra Moberly and Johnny Goetz, the current Public Works Inspector will handle building inspections/code compliance services with Sierra Geotechnical Services (SGS) Inc. providing additional support for inspections that cannot be handled by the Public Works Inspector. SGS is a local company that Johnny has worked with in the past and has a lot of confidence in. SGS started work on July 22, to allow time for a two-week transition with Johnny.

2. RECRUITMENT FOR PERMANENT REPLACEMENTS:

- *Public Works & Transportation Director:* We are looking to start recruitments by August, with a professionally designed brochure (prepared in-house) and outreach through local printed media, the Town's website and a number of Town Manager's Update: July 25, 2013 professional organizations. The deadline will likely be at the end of August, with interviews and selection happening in September.
- *Building Official / Code Compliance / Solid Waste duties:* In consultation with Johnny Goetz and Sandra Moberly, the following recruitment / replacement plan has been developed. (Subject to discussions with the impacted unions, and modification as necessary.)
 - a) *Building Official:* The Town is legally required to have a certified Building Official. Many smaller cities contract out this function, on an as-needed basis. We would like to do the same, and will seek proposals from at least three entities including Mono County. The

contract will be for a not to exceed annual hours and amount, to be determined.

b) Building inspections: The Town will recruit for a certified Building Inspector to perform duties currently handled by Johnny Goetz. The position will also be in charge of higher-level solid waste tasks, such as coordination with CalRecycle, long-term regional planning, etc.

c) Code Compliance: The Town will recruit for part-time Code Compliance officer. The position will also be in charge of lower-level solid waste tasks, such as education of businesses on recycling requirements, working with Steve Searles on trash issues, etc.

Please let me know if anyone has questions.
Best - Marianna Marysheva-Martinez
Town Manager

Calls For Service/Officer Observations

158, including 0 business/building checks

Crime/Incident Reports

14 reports, including 3 arrests

Traffic Stops/Citations/Traffic Collisions

26 stops; 10 citations; 10 parking citations; 0 skate park citations; 1 collision

Animal Control Incidents

6 incidents; 2 reports

Wildlife

2 calls; 0 reports

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, July 26, 2013 - Saturday, July 27, 2013 = 71%

(58% same weekend in 2012, up in 2013)

Sunday, July 28, 2013 - Thursday, August 1, 2013 = 51%

(49% same midweek in 2012, up in 2013)

Hotels/Motels/B&B: 72% (Friday-Saturday) 44% (Sunday-Thursday)

Condos: 70% (Friday-Saturday) 59% (Sunday-Thursday)

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Community News

Aspen Fire Update

Mammoth Lakes is currently experiencing smoke from the Aspen fire located 27 miles SW of Mammoth Lakes. The Aspen Fire was discovered on Tuesday, July 23 burning on the Sierra National Forest- High Sierra Ranger District. The fire is burning below Stump Springs Road north of Aspen Springs. The fire has burned approximately 4,500 acres and remains active. The South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team assumed command of the Aspen Fire at 6:00 P.M. July 24, 2013. The team is working with the Sierra National Forest to manage suppression efforts.

Smoke from the Aspen Fire is impacting air quality in local communities, evident in Mammoth Lakes. Officials are hopeful for a wind shift to the West which would help smoke conditions in Mammoth Lakes. Individuals sensitive to smoke are suggested to remain indoors and keep windows closed, to minimize exposure to smoke.

The fire is in steep, rugged, inaccessible terrain. There is no imminent threat to the communities of Mammoth Lakes, Big Creek or Huntington Lake at this time. For more information, please contact the Aspen Fire Information line at (559) 893-7018.

Steering Committee Convenes To Discuss The Potential Formation Of A Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) Entity

The Town Council appointed Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) Steering Committee has scheduled a series of three facilitated workshops led by the Strategic Marketing Group regarding the potential formation of a Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) entity. Information regarding the upcoming MLR process, including meeting dates (July 22, Aug. 5 & 19), agendas and reference documents can be viewed online at: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=533>.

"The facilitation of the MLR process is a natural extension of the Town's desire to place a high priority on recreation as both a quality of life opportunity and an important economic development strategy," stated Marianna Marysheva-Martinez, Town Manager.

On May 1, 2013 the Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council approved the formation of the Mammoth Lakes Recreation Steering Committee to develop recommendations for the Town Council regarding the formation of a Mammoth Lakes Recreation entity.

The MLR Steering Committee is comprised of over 30 recreation stakeholders representing the Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town Council, Recreation/Planning Commission), County of Mono, Mono County Office of Education, Mammoth Unified School District, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, the Inyo National Forest, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation, Friends of the Inyo, Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association, Mammoth Lakes Foundation, Snowcreek Athletic Club, including representatives from local youth/adult sporting organizations.

In 2009, Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) was a facilitated process designed to explore the opportunity for a separate entity to develop a recreation vision and

strategy for the community of Mammoth Lakes. The process came to a halt in 2010, however, the effort to develop a vision and strategy was continued with the development and adoption in 2011 of RecStrats I & II.

"The Recreation Department is eager to participate in a public discussion with all local recreation user groups on how the Town can effectively and efficiently enhance recreation in Mammoth Lakes," stated Stuart Brown, Recreation Manager for the Town of Mammoth Lakes. "The Town is supportive of a process that is about the community, is for the community, and has the best interest of the recreation community in mind."

5-Step Process

A five step MLR process was recently drafted by members of the Town Council, the Recreation Commission and Town staff to retain a consultant to the process with the goal of collectively determining if there is a need for Mammoth Lakes Recreation at this time or how the current municipal recreation structure can be enhanced to fulfill the recreation needs of the community.

The goals of the MLR process are as follows:

1. To determine if there is a need for a MLR entity at this time or how the current municipal recreation structure can be enhanced to fulfill the recreation needs of the community.
2. To provide an opportunity for the MLR Steering Committee to assess the available information on the current marketplace and community needs and determine if a new entity is needed.
3. To assist participants in understanding a range of perspectives on this issue and to determine a common one.
4. To develop a recommendation to the Town Council - after several defined steps - to move ahead with the development of MLR or not.

The Strategic Marketing Group (SMG) has been retained by the Town to convene, document, and facilitate the MLR process, provide technical expertise and structural framework to the facilitation process, and finally, produce a report identifying recommendations for Town Council regarding the decision to either move forward with the formation of a MLR entity or not form an entity at this time. Council is expected to receive and comment on this report in September of this year.

Carl Ribaldo of the Strategic Marketing Group stated that "The project is designed to identify the changed environment and market factors that would facilitate the need for MLR – the fundamental question of why this is needed must be answered."

All meetings are scheduled to take place in Suite Z, Minaret Village Mall (437 Old Mammoth Road) between 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Meeting dates have been scheduled on the following days: July 22, 2013, August 5, 2013, and August 19, 2013. Public participation is encouraged and public comments will be received during the last 15 minutes of each session or as time allows. Comments regarding the sessions or MLR process are welcomed and can be sent to Stuart Brown at sbrown@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us, or by calling (760) 934-8989 ext. 210.

First Annual 24 Hour Endurance Mountain Bike Race at The Mammoth Mountain Bike Park July 27, 2013

A race unlike anything Mammoth has done before, the 8 & 24 Hour Mountain Bike Race, presented by Global Biorhythm Events, is a test of riders' maximum endurance and experience. Designed with relatively low climbing due to a base elevation of 8,413 feet at Mammoth's Main Lodge, the course is 95% single track with plenty of room to pass, 9.45 miles long, and 850 feet of elevation gain per lap. Riders will have the option of an eight-hour race or a full 24-hour race for the extreme competitors. Truly a one-of-a-kind endurance event, this course boasts great flow and is expected to attract riders from across the country to participate in its inaugural race on July 27, 2013.

Registration for the 8 & 24 Hour Endurance Mountain Bike Race is now open to the first 1,500 racers. Racers are encouraged to sign-up soon for their desired category as this event is expected to sell out.

The Mammoth 24 Mountain Bike Race uses an RFID chip timing system. Specially designed chips will register every category and every lap for a no fuss, smooth race without batons, dismounting or check-ins after laps. Timing chips are located in participant number plates. All plates will be distributed during packet pick up on July 26-27 and plates should be displayed on the front of each competitor's bike.

Event participants and spectators receive up to 20% off the Mammoth Lodging Collection. Stay close to the action at the Mammoth Mountain Inn, within walking distance from the start/finish. Or choose from The Village Lodge and Juniper Springs Resort, both centrally located in town. Call 800.MAMMOTH and mention "Mammoth 24 Hour Endurance Race" to receive the discount.

For more information about the 24 Hour Mountain Bike Race and to register, visit <http://www.mammothmountain.com/ResortActivities/SpecialEvents/24BikeRace/> or call 800.MAMMOTH.

Mammoth Lakes Changeable Message Sign Project

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has begun a project to install a changeable message sign on eastbound 203 0.2 miles east of Meridian Blvd. The purpose of this sign is to alert travelers departing from the Mammoth Lakes area of the driving conditions on US Hwy 395. Winter snow and ice and associated chain controls, as well as the potential for year round high winds will be conveyed in real-time to allow drivers to make better trip decisions and encourage safer driving.

Monday through Friday, one lane of traffic will be closed on eastbound SR203 although drivers should not encounter any delays. Construction is expected to be complete by August 2013. The contractor for this \$155,552 project is Traffic Development Services, Inc from Moorepark, CA.

Recreation Highlights

Recreation Department Launches Online Registration

In an effort to improve customer service and streamline operations, the Recreation Department – compliments of Measure R, has partnered with the Active Network to provide 24/7 web-based activity and facility reservations. To begin, visit us online at www.mammothrecreation.com, click on the *Online Activity/Facility Reservations*

tab and your first step is to **"Request Account."** All you need is an email and password.

The system will allow you to register online for an activity, reserve a facility or request Measure R equipment...it's fast and easy! Please drop by the office or call us at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 if we can be of assistance to you.

13th Annual Co-ed Softball Tournament and Hitting accuracy contest - july 27-28

Saturday and Sunday, July 27 - 28, Mammoth Recreation will be hosting a softball tournament at Shady Rest Park. USSSA 26, 27, and 28 oz. Easton Synergy bats will be provided by mammothsoftball.com for each field. Each team you face will be swinging the exact same sticks you are! Tournament is round robin or pool play with single elimination playoffs. \$350 per team. 4 games guaranteed! 3 homeruns per team, per game. "Pitcher's box" rule in effect for safety.

Team trophies for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place teams, MVP awards for 1st and 2nd place teams. \$Get your cash right back prize \$\$\$ to the winning team- buy what your team wants as a team prize, your choice!

*Call, text, or email Grover @ (760) 963-4902 or hardlinedrives@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

*Back by popular demand- Hitting Accuracy contest! \$10 to enter, great prizes to win!

ANYONE CAN ENTER THE CONTEST! Hope to see you there at the Hitting Accuracy Contest on Friday, July 26th!

The Mammoth Lakes Women's Club will be staffing the snack bar, so any food you buy will support a great cause!

New Post Camp Cool Down!

This summer the Recreation Department is adding a 2-hour after camp 'cool down' session at the Mammoth Roller Rink for only \$10/participant (3 person min.). Drinks and healthy snacks will be provided, along with supervised entertainment. This program is available for any parents needing additional supervision while at work. The 2-hour program is offered after every parks and recreation hosted program. Call for more information or reserve online!

2 For 1 Skate Rental At The Roller Rink & Multi-Use Facility

To celebrate Park and Recreation Month in July, the Mammoth Roller Rink is offering 2 for 1 skate rental (value \$3.00). The offer expires on July 27, 2013 so grab a partner and come on down! The facility is located at 416 Sierra Park Road adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Library and opposite Mammoth High School. New this year, the facility will operate from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Thursday thru Saturday evening - under lights. Low admission fees for students (\$2.00 MUSD/MCOE) make it one of the most affordable recreation activities in Mammoth Lakes. For the 2013 summer season, adult and youth admission is only \$4.00 (Thursday/Friday), skate rentals are \$3.00 per session (4-hours), and kids 4 and under get in for free with a paid adult. This summer get your 6th Admission FREE with the Five FUN Pass (5FP). It's only \$30 for adults and \$20 for youth (5-15 yrs.) and every 6th visit is FREE!

Rent the Mammoth Roller Rink for your next party! All-inclusive birthday party packages are available from as low as \$75 per 10 children, and up to \$15 per child for your personal party coordinator, cake, pizza, drinks and skate rental.

The Mammoth Roller Rink is owned and operated by the Town of Mammoth Lakes through a partnership with Mammoth Unified School District and Mono County Office of Education. The facility is drug-free, smoke-free and pet-free. Roller/inline skates, scooters, skate boards are allowed on the surface. Bikes are not allowed at any time. Helmets and appropriate safety equipment are recommended.

For the complete summer schedule, rates and special promotions visit www.mammothrollerrink.com, see our rack card in all Certified Racks located throughout Mammoth Lakes and along HWY 395, or call the Mammoth Roller Rink at (760) 934-2505, or Recreation Department office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222.

Play Drop-In Street Hockey Every Sunday At The Mammoth Roller Rink

The Recreation Department in partnership with members of the Ice Hockey League have scheduled Drop-in Street Hockey every Sunday night at the Mammoth Roller Rink from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The program will conclude on Sunday, August 24, 2013. Cost is only \$2/participant per session with the completion of a signed waiver by an adult (18+ yrs.) Please bring shoes and a stick. All adults and high school age teens welcome!

Uk International Soccer Camp – July 29

Professional British soccer coaches will coach the last UK Soccer camp for the summer beginning Monday, July 29, 2013. Coaches provide a safe, educational and FUN program for all. Full-day and Half-day options are available.

The program is offered to all players within the community and is split into the following age appropriate levels:

- Fun in the Sun (4-6 years): Fun, exciting games to build confidence and teach fundamentals.
- Skills 'N' Thrills (7-10 years): Technical development and skill building in a stimulating environment.
- Compete with your Feet (11-16 years): Challenging game related situations to enhance technical and tactical knowledge.

Each day includes individual footskills, small side games, coached scrimmages and a daily tournament. There is an awards ceremony at the end of the camp week for family members to come and watch the players receive their awards, as well as, the important World Cup Finals! Camp Fee includes: A UK International Soccer camp T-Shirt, player of the week awards, World Cup prizes and an individual evaluation certificate.

Participants are asked to bring cleats, shin guards, soccer ball, snacks and a water bottle. Full day campers will need to bring lunch every day. Full Day Campers receive a free UK Soccer ball.

Who: Ages 4-16 years

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (4-16 yrs) or 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (8-16 yrs.)

Where: Shady Rest Park Soccer Field #1

Cost: \$105 for weekly morning session / \$35 per day, or \$165 for weekly full-day session / \$45 per day

Family Discount: \$5 discount per player after first family member has paid regular camp price

Gymnastics/Tumbling Program

Classes resume July 30, 2013.

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Recreation News, Events & Activities in Town..

DOWNHILL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES | JULY 26

Hosted by Mammoth Outdoor Sports, Mountain Bike races are every Friday at 5:30pm! Sign up on race day at the Adventure Center.

VILLAGEFEST | JULY 26-28

Now a summer tradition dubbed "California's Highest Rib Cook-Off". The 10th Anniversary features a cooking competition, live music, craft displays and more.

WOOLLY'S SUMMER SATURDAYS | JULY 27

Join Woolly for a bike ride, music, face-painting and a parade around the Adventure Center! A must-attend kids activity for all ages, 1-2pm!

CHILDREN'S FISHING FESTIVAL | JULY 27

Kids can learn to fish and catch Alpers trout at the Snowcreek ponds! Includes a t-shirt and lots of prizes.

8/24 HOUR ENDURANCE MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE | JULY 27

Global Biorhythm Event's 8/24 Hour Mountain Bike Race on a course boasting great flow with a true test of endurance and experience.

FIREFIGHTERS CANOE RACES, BBQ & PICNIC | JULY 27-28

Mammoth Lakes Fire Department's annual summer fundraiser! Canoe races and barbecue at Horseshoe Lake on Saturday, with a picnic, barbecue and games for all ages at Shady Rest Park on Sunday.

BLUESAPALOOZA | AUGUST 1-4

Successfully celebrating its 18th year, Mammoth Festival of Beers and Bluesapalooza promises an energetic line-up of blues performers and a tasting from 70 of the best craft breweries in the country.

THE VILLAGE SUMMER MOVIE SERIES | AUGUST 1

Bring your favorite blanket, grab a seat and watch a movie under the stars in the plaza. This week's feature film on Thursday is *Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part II* (PG-13) showtime at 8:20pm.

Summer Of Stewardship – August 3

TITLE: Coldwater Trails and Mammoth Consolidated Mine Trail Day!
WHAT: Join Mammoth Brewery and the Southern Mono Historical Society for trail work on the Coldwater Trails and the Mammoth Consolidated Mine site.
WHEN: SATURDAY, August 3, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
WHERE: Meet at the parking lot at the very top of the Coldwater campgrounds for a free bagel breakfast, safety talk and work assignments. Free lunch and lots of giveaways will be hosted on site.
WHO: Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome! Please dress for trail work: sturdy, close-toed shoes and long pants. Gloves and all tools provided.
CONTACT INFO: Visit mltpa.org or friendsoftheinyo.org, Call (760) 873-6500 or (760) 934 3154 or E-MAIL: drew@friendsoftheinyo.org

Mammoth Lakes Area Trails Report – July 21, 2013

Summer in the Lakes Basin is in full swing accompanied by an orchestra of booming thunderclaps and whispering pine breezes. With the great weather, flowers and warm days comes lots of fun. Just a gentle reminder that part of the fun is packing out what you've packed in. This week Friends of the Inyo's Lakes Basin Steward removed over ten pounds of trash from around just part of the Lake George shore. Help those behind you notice the blooms – such as brilliant orange tiger lilies and cottonball-like ranger's buttons – not the plastic bags.

This past weekend's third SOS day at the Mountain View Bike trail was a huge success! Over forty people showed up to improve the Mountain View trail, install new signs, and clean up the trails around the incomparable Minaret Vista. Jump on a bike (or bus) and take a ride up (then down) to check out what lots of hands can do before they enjoyed a free lunch and an avalanche of raffle prizes.

The Starkweather Lake trail starting at the Minaret Vista still has many flowers in bloom. Sixty-two different plant species were recorded in this 2.5-mile hike! This includes two types of monkey flower, purple larkspurs over 4 feet tall, and the parasitic orchid striped coral root. There is a crashed snowmobile in the trail less than .5 miles from the trailhead, but it is easy to navigate around.

Now that the trail to Valentine Lakes is completely melted out there are many misleading switchback cuts along the last mile to the trail. Friends of the Inyo restored many of these shortcuts, but please protect this trail by staying on the true path. Around wet areas look for the large, pink Lewis' Monkeyflower.

Two trail-blocking trees have been cut out from the Mammoth Crest trail, and in addition to epic vistas this trail boasts beauty right at your feet, too. Look for low-growing Brewer's Lupine, Woolly Sunflower, and Butterballs.

Interested in seeing a truly excellent high Sierra flower display? Head to the short trail between Duck and PikaLake on the Duck Pass trail. Flowers abound with yellow

Soft Arnica, bright pink and red paintbrush, and even the late summer-bloomer, Sierra Gentian. A few fire rings have been cleaned up around the lakes and some trail maintenance has been completed to protect walkability through better water drainage.

As the summer burns on, Heart Lake moves beyond peak bloom, but many flowers, like fireweed and monk's hood, are just popping out. Thanks to members of the Inyo-Mono Advocates for Community Action Youth Conservation Corps out of Bishop who helped Friends of the Inyo recently maintain this well-loved path.

This trail report is provided by Friends of the Inyo with support from the Town of Mammoth Lakes – Mammoth Lakes Trails System funding. The next opportunity to get out and give back to your public lands is next June 28 – July 1. Join Friends of the Inyo for a 4 day/3 night restoration project in the Northern Inyo Mountains. All meals and tools will be provided. Please contact Andrew Schurr to RSVP at andrew@friendsoftheinyo.org space is limited so please sign up soon!

Public Service Announcements

Town Amends Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code Regarding Woodstove Inserts

On March 20, 2013, Town Council adopted a resolution amending the Town ordinance establishing standards for new and reconstructed woodstove inserts. Over the last several decades, large numbers of open fireplaces in town have been modified by the installation of woodstove inserts. However, neither the Town nor the fire district nor the woodstove insert manufacturers have had clear and consistent standard governing how the inserts must be installed. The result has been installations that have been demonstrated to be unsafe by a number of fires occurring around woodstove inserts in town.

The fire district and Town staff jointly developed installation standards for woodstove inserts, which are contained in the new ordinance. The ordinance also contains a list of approved woodstove insert manufacturers, but allows contractors and homeowners to request the building official to add other manufacturers.

The amended ordinance would require all new woodstove insert installations to meet the new standards. Recognizing that reconstruction of existing woodstove insert installations can cost several thousand dollars, the ordinance does not require immediate removal and reconstruction of existing inserts. Instead, the ordinance requires nonconforming inserts to be removed or reconstructed upon sale of the residential unit, or by October 31, 2022 if no sale of a particular unit has occurred before then.

Because the woodstove insert installation standards constitute a local amendment to the requirements of the California Mechanical Code, the ordinance includes the specific findings necessary for such local amendments. The findings acknowledge that the unique climatic, geological, and topographical conditions in Mammoth require these amendments. Please contact Town of Mammoth Lakes Senior Building Inspector, Johnny Goetz at (760) 934-8989 ext. 244 for additional information.

Mammoth Lakes Police Department Implementing Reserve & Volunteer Program

In an effort to off-set some of the impact resulting from the loss of 7 sworn officers, the Mammoth Lakes Police Department has been moving forward on developing

Reserve and Volunteer Programs, and evaluating various forms of technology to help make the MLPD more efficient and effective. The following are some of the programs the MLPD is moving forward on:

RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM

On February 6, the Town Council approved the establishment of pay scales for Reserve Officers. The pay will be:

- Level 1 Reserve - \$25/hour
- Level 2 Reserve - \$23/hour
- Level 3 Reserve - \$20/hour

Providing pay for Reserve Officers will make the MLPD competitive with other local agencies that have reserve programs and serve as a recruitment and retention tool.

Anyone interested in learning more about the MLPD Reserve Program should contact Sergeant Marc Moscovitz at (760) 934-2011

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Many police departments benefit from active volunteer programs where trained volunteers assist police personnel by staffing front counters, completing reports, and providing community patrols. Retired Sergeant Karen Smart has agreed to manage the MLPD's volunteer program. At some time in the future, information will be released about the types of volunteer work available and the selection criteria. Anyone interested in volunteering with the MLPD should be on the look-out for a news release announcing the start of the program.

TECHNOLOGY

The MLPD is moving forward with technological advances on several fronts. They include:

- An on-line reporting system where certain crimes can be reported on-line.
- An on-line crime and traffic report purchase program where victims of crimes and parties in traffic collisions can purchase copies of reports on-line.
- Access to surveillance cameras at the North Village.
- Surveillance cameras at the Volcom Brothers Skatepark.

The MLPD is also exploring other technology that will make the Police Department more effective in addressing crime, the fear of crime, and quality of life issues.

Boxer Applauds President Obama for Signing the 'Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act'

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) today praised President Obama for signing her bill, the Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act, into law. This legislation will name a mountain peak in Mono County "Mt. Andrea Lawrence" in honor of the renowned conservationist, three-time Olympian and former member of the Mono County Board of Supervisors who passed away in 2009. The bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent, and passed the House on a 408 to seven vote.

"I am so pleased that President Obama signed this bill honoring the life and contributions of one of Mono County's most distinguished residents," Senator Boxer said. "Andrea Lawrence dedicated her life to protecting the treasures of the Eastern

Sierra. Her passion and achievements were larger than life, which is why I cannot think of a more fitting tribute than to name this majestic peak in her honor.”

Andrea Mead Lawrence was a three-time Olympian who remains the only American double Olympic gold medalist in alpine skiing. She was inducted into the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1958 at the age of 25, and in 2002, sports writer and documentary filmmaker Bud Greenspan called her “the greatest Winter Olympian of all time.”

Lawrence was also a committed conservationist who worked to protect and restore Mammoth Lakes, Mono Lake, Bodie State Historic Park and other important natural and cultural resources of the Eastern Sierra. She served for 16 years on the Mono County Board of Supervisors as well as on the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District and in 2003 founded the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers to promote environmental protection and economic vitality in the region.

Peak 12,240, previously identified only by its elevation, is located in Mono County near the Tuolumne County border. It is on the border of the Ansel Adams Wilderness, just east of Yosemite National Park. The John Muir trail passes close to the peak.

Senator Boxer and Congressman Buck McKeon (R-Santa Clarita) – who sponsored identical House legislation – first introduced the legislation during the 111th Congress. Supporters of this bill include Andrea Lawrence’s family, the Mono County Board of Supervisors, the Wilderness Society, the Sierra Club, the Mono County Democratic Central Committee, the Mammoth Town Council, the Mono Lake Committee, the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers, the Sierra Nevada Alliance, the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Member Wendy Sugimura and former Mono County Supervisor Tim Alpers.

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- Complex Names/ Condo Unit Numbers
- Parcel Lines*
- Valuation Data
- Acreage
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California Mandates Recycling for Business and Multi-Family Residential Locations

A new State of California Bill (AB 341) directed by CalRecycle mandating commercial recycling in California goes into effect July 1, 2012. The Town of Mammoth Lakes will be providing education and outreach to help the community comply with the new regulations.

The goal of AB 341 is to increase the statewide recycling rates to 75% by 2020. Starting July 1 2012, businesses and public entities that generate four cubic yards or more of waste per week, including multi-family units of five or more will be required to recycle. The purpose of this new law is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting commercial solid waste to recycling efforts while expanding opportunities for additional recycling services and recycling manufacturing facilities in California.

Please use the following link for additional information provided by CalRecycle that addresses the "Frequently Asked Questions:" <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/Recycling/FAQ.htm>.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), Sierra Conservation Project (SCP) and Mammoth Disposal (MD) are taking active steps to assist businesses and multi-family residences to comply with the new regulations.

Brian Robinette, owner of Sierra Conservation Project commented, "This is a big step in the right direction for recycling and diverting recyclables from our local landfills. The new regulation will give the extra incentive needed to make recycling programs a reality at all Mammoth Lakes business and residential locations."

The TOML, SCP and MD have been working together for several years to develop and grow recycling programs here in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Johnny Goetz, Town of Mammoth Lakes Senior Building Inspector states, "Now is a great time for local businesses to take advantage of the numerous recycling opportunities we have available in Town. Condominium complexes can also take advantage of the TOML and SCP's recycling programs which are currently providing start-up infrastructure to the complex at no cost - while supplies last."

The TOML and SCP have applied for additional grant money to continue to offset the start-up cost for multi-family and businesses here in town. Bear proof recycling containers are provided to participating condo complexes, and are serviced by SCP.

Pat Fenton, General Manager of Mammoth Disposal added, "Recycling is at the core of the company's goal of sustainability, and it's the core of our commitment to business owners and the Town of Mammoth Lakes to meet this mandate."

The following recycling programs are currently available within the Town of Mammoth Lakes:

- Commercial cardboard recycling
- Restaurant and bar programs
- Lodging and hospitality programs
- Business recycling
- Office recycling
- Residential recycling
- Aluminum, plastic, and glass
- E-Waste
- Used oil and batteries

Some of the benefits of recycling identified by CalRecycle are creating jobs in California, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, keeping valuable materials out of landfills, and creating a healthy environment for the community and future generations by recovering natural resources.

For more information regarding recycling programs and opportunities within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, contact Johnny Goetz at (760) 934-8989 ext. 244 or jgoetz@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us.

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Frequently Asked Questions

Some of the most frequently asked questions about legal rentals and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) are:

1. What is a transient rental?

A transient rental is any unit that is occupied for the purpose of sleeping, lodging, or similar reasons for a period of 30 consecutive days or less in exchange for a fee or similar consideration.

2. Can I rent my unit as a transient rental?

Only some zones within the Town of Mammoth Lakes permit transient rentals. The following zones permit transient rentals:

- RMF-2 (Residential Multi-family 2)
- CL (Commercial Lodging)
- CG Commercial General)
- R (Resort, including master plan areas)
- SP (Specific Plan, including North Village and Clearwater)

This list is intended as a guide only. Although the above zones permit transient use generally, other regulations, such as those found in master plans, CC&Rs, or project conditions of approval may prohibit transient rental within a particular development. Generally, transient rental of single family homes is prohibited. A zoning map can be found on the Town's website.

3. What is transient occupancy tax (TOT)?

Transient occupancy tax, or TOT, is a 13% tax that is charged "for the privilege of occupancy of any transient occupancy facility." The tax is required to be paid to the operator of the transient occupancy facility at the time the rent is paid. It is the operator's responsibility to remit the TOT to the Town.

4. Do I need to pay TOT?

If you are renting your unit as a transient rental, even if it is only for one weekend a year, you need to pay TOT. This includes single family homes and other units that are not permitted to rent nightly, but may be doing so illegally. TOT shall be remitted for each night the unit is rented.

5. Do I need a business tax certificate?

Yes, if you are renting your unit on a transient basis.

6. Do I need a transient occupancy tax certificate?

Yes. You are required to purchase a transient occupancy certificate for each rental unit to post in your transient rental property. This is included as part of Schedule E or F in the business tax certificate application.

7. What is the difference between a business tax certificate and a transient occupancy tax certificate?

Business tax is an annual tax and is required for all business activity. The transient occupancy tax certificate is a one-time purchase that is non-transferable. This certificate is required to be posted in your transient rental unit.

8. Do I need a business tax certificate if all of my rentals are handled through a reservation company?

If all of your rentals are handled through a reservation company, most reservation companies will purchase the transient occupancy tax certificate and collect and remit the TOT to the Town. You may wish to check with your reservation company to confirm that this is being taken care of. If you rent your unit by owner in addition to renting with a property management company, you are also required to obtain a separate business tax certificate and transient occupancy tax certificate.

9. How do I apply for a business tax certificate?

The Town's website contains information regarding business tax certificates, including an application for a business tax certificate: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=182>. Transient Rentals fall under schedule F for condominium rentals and schedule E for hotels, motels, lodges, and campgrounds. This application can be mailed back to the Town, or submitted in person. The total cost for one unit is \$118.00 (\$65.00 application fee, \$5.00 planning review fee, \$25.00 fee to rent one unit, \$23.00 TOT certificate fee). Additional costs apply for additional units. Business tax certificates are required on or before the first day business commences; penalties will apply for late filings. If you have additional questions regarding this process please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 x245.

10. Do I have a business tax certificate?

To find out if you have a valid business tax certificate on file, please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 x245 or your property management company.

11. What is illegal rental activity?

Illegal rental activity is any rental activity that is not consistent with the Town's Zoning Ordinance, or any rental activity that is not compliant with the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance. This can include transient rental of units located in zones that prohibit transient rentals. It can also include transient rentals in a zone where it is permitted, but when the TOT is not remitted to the Town.

12. How can I report illegal rental activity?

If you suspect illegal rental activity, you may submit an anonymous tip via the Town's TOT hotline at (760) 934-8989 x275 or on the Town's website via the Transient Occupancy Tax information page. Please include any information that you have that would substantiate the claim, along with the property address and owner's name if you have it. You may also email

tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us. Note that emails are not anonymous, however, staff will do its best to keep your information private.

13. Questions & Anonymous TOT Hotline

If you have questions about TOT enforcement, or if you would like to report suspicious activity or rental advertisements please contact our anonymous hotline. 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.

Register for CodeRED

Residents of Mono County can register their cell phones to receive emergency CodeRED (reverse 911) alerts from Mono County. This is a county public service available to all Mono County residents so please tell your friends and neighbors in Mono County that they can register for this service. CodeRED announcements are for personal notification and will not replace CERT CAHAN notification. Here is how to sign register/sign up using the INTERNET:

1. Go to monosheriff.org
2. scroll down left side panel to CodeRED community notification system;
3. click on it and follow directions.

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>.

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.