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Town Announcements

Community Members invited to Mammoth Lakes Community Housing Summit

The Mammoth Lakes community is coming together for the Mammoth Lakes Community Housing Summit beginning today, November 2 and ending on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at Eagle Lodge. Events will be held throughout the weekend to address next steps for the Mammoth Lakes community in solving the current housing crisis.



The goal of the housing summit is to increase awareness and understanding of housing issues and find solutions through the Community Housing Action Plan (CHAP) and development opportunities for The Parcel (historically known as the Shady Rest Parcel), a 25-acre property the town purchased in 2017 to build community housing.

The CHAP was developed after the Town of Mammoth Lakes conducted a Housing Needs Assessment in 2017. The goals of the plan are to serve the full range of incomes in need, to produce community-housing units, and to maintain the percentage of employees that live in town.

Everyone is invited to attend all of the weekend’s complimentary events. Registration is highly recommended at <http://bit.ly/MLhousing>. Attendees are welcome to drop in when time allows if they have limited availability.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, November 2

- 5:00 - 6:00pm : Opening reception and Exhibit Hall (appetizers and cash bar)
- 6:00 - 9:00pm: Community Housing 101: Tales from Breckenridge, CO (speaker Laurie Best - Housing Planner with Town of Breckenridge) and screening of the award-winning film "Designing a Great Neighborhood," the story of how Boulder, CO developed 300+ units of community housing on 27 acres the city purchased

Saturday, November 3

- 9:00am: On-site tour of The Parcel
- 9:30am - 1:00pm: Employer Housing Solutions - This Winter!
- 1:00pm: On-site tour of The Parcel
- 2:00 - 5:30pm: Finding 5 Immediate Solutions from the Community Housing Action Plan!
- 6:00 - 7:00pm: Evening reception and Exhibit Hall (appetizers and cash bar)
- 7:00 - 10:00pm: Introductions from Patricia Robertson - Mammoth Lakes Housing (and others TBD) and Keynote speaker The Parcel: Aiming High by Cindy Brown - Holiday Neighborhood Project in Boulder, Colorado

Sunday, November 4

- 10:00am - 1:00pm: The Money Brunch on financing options for The Parcel/other housing projects

RSVP and get more information at <http://bit.ly/MLhousing>.

Sidewalk Construction Project Update

Lower Main Street

Update: Last week the contractor patched pavement on Main Street along with parking stalls in front of businesses from the Post Office to Forest Trail. This week, the contractor will be pouring concrete for the new sidewalk.

Traffic controls: The right lane traveling west towards Minaret Road has been closed from Forest Trail to the Post Office (3330 Main Street). Pedestrian and bike travel is still permitted within designated lanes. Construction will occur during normal work hours Monday through Friday, and possibly Saturday and Sunday.

Minaret Road at Lake Mary and The Village

Update: Last week the contractor completed shotcrete for the new rock face on the retaining wall and this week will demolish the existing storm drain encased in concrete along the length of the project site (have to replace storm drain before they can pour new sidewalk).

Traffic controls: The right lane and right turn lane traveling south on Minaret Road towards Minaret Road and Lake Mary Road has been closed from the 8050 Driveway to Lake Mary Road. Pedestrian and bike travel is still permitted within designated lanes. Construction will occur during normal work hours Monday through Friday, and possibly Saturday and Sunday. Please be aware and careful when traveling by foot or bike within designated pedestrian lanes. Expect delays due to the reduced lane, or

seek alternate route when traveling southbound on Minaret Road into the Lake Mary Road intersection.



For information regarding the project, please contact: Haislip Hayes, PE Engineering Manager at (760) 965-3652. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for MUP and Sidewalk Projects – Nov. 7

Celebrate the completion of the Mammoth Creek Multi-use Path (MUP), Lower Main Street Sidewalk and Upper Main Street Sidewalk projects on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will commence at the Mammoth Creek Gap Closure at 3:00pm and conclude at the Upper Main Street Sidewalk at approximately 3:30pm. The community is cordially invited to participate.

Winter Parking Restrictions in Effect

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department is reminding citizens that there is no street parking from November 1 through April 30. Vehicles found parked in violation of these ordinances are subject to receiving a parking citation and/or in some cases, vehicles may be impounded at the owner's expense.

10.12.100 - Winter Parking Prohibition

The parking or standing of vehicles in designated areas on the roadside of the snow stakes along any town road from November 1 through April 30 is prohibited unless the location has been designated for winter parking as specified herein.

10.12.106 - Obstructing Snow Removal

It shall be unlawful for any person to park, abandon, or otherwise leave unattended any vehicle as defined in Section 670 of the California Vehicle Code on any town right-of-way at any time or in any manner which will obstruct, hinder, delay or otherwise inconvenience any town officer, employee or town contractor during snow removal operations or which will leave the vehicle in such a position that it is subject to damage by town officers, employees or town contractors engaged in snow removal operations



10.12.110 - Towing Of Parked Vehicles

Any member of the California Highway Patrol and any designated employee of the police department of the town, may remove any vehicle parked or left standing upon any town road in violation of this article during the period of November 1 through April 30.

Please note: the Town's easement is 10 foot off the edge of pavement, so please park accordingly.

Fire Restrictions to Expire On BLM-Managed Public Land in Eastern Sierra

The Bureau of Land Management Bishop Field Office will lift fire-use restrictions on public lands in Inyo and Mono counties on November 5, 2018.

Outdoor enthusiasts are reminded to be careful when recreating on public lands to prevent wildfire. For more information, visit www.readyforwildfire.org/Prevent-Wildfire/. Safety tips include not driving a vehicle onto dry grass or brush; carrying a fire extinguisher and a shovel and bucket of water; and getting a permit for any campfire or use of portable gas stoves. To learn more about campfire safety, visit <http://www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfires/>.

Shooters are also reminded that hot bullet fragments and exploding targets from recreational shooting can spark a wildfire. Shooters are responsible for fires started by shooting activities.

The BLM strives to be a good neighbor in the communities it serves. For more information, please call the Bishop Field Office at (760) 872-5000.

Town Meetings & Events

Town Council

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council has been scheduled for **Wednesday, November 7, 2018** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Suite Z. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Commission/Committee Meetings

- Nov. 6 Recreation Commission Meeting, Suite Z, 9:00AM
- Nov. 14 Planning & Economic Development Commission Mtg., Ste. Z, 2:00PM

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Department Updates

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS...

Hot Shots Basketball is Underway

This local basketball program teaches 3rd-5th graders the basic skills of basketball in preparation for programs at the middle school, high school, and beyond. Hot Shots is located at the Mammoth Middle School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. beginning November 1 and concluding on January 24. Registration is \$50. Register today online or at the Mammoth Middle School Gym beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Ice Skating Lessons

Register for Fall Ice Skating lessons today! This 4-week introductory "Jump-Start Skating" program is for beginner skaters Kindergarten through 8th grade to build confidence on the ice and take full advantage of the upcoming winter season! Adult lessons are available by request. Lessons will take place on Mondays at the Mammoth Ice Rink, grades K-1 is from 3:15 to 3:45, grades 2-5 is from 4:00 to 4:30 pm and grades 6-8 is from 4:45-5:15 p.m. Space is limited, \$40, register today!

Toddler Time

The second session of Toddler Time started on October 23, but drop in rates are available. Sessions are held on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center. This program is open to all parents with children kindergarten age or younger. Each day will include circle time, songs, books, and a featured letter of the alphabet, a snack, and a craft project. Socialize with other parents and children while teaching your child about basic routines and tasks. Each 4-week session is \$48 with a 50% sibling discount; payment is requested at time of enrollment, drop in rates are available. Session 3 begins November 23. Call Carole Mills at (209) 480-2699 for more information.

MAMMOTH LAKES POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

MLPD Open House

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department held an open house on Tuesday, October 30 in honor of the One Year Anniversary of the new police station building. There were many attendees from the community our collaborative partners who dined on 50lbs of roasted pig and enjoyed tours of the facility! Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate!

Welcome our new Officers!

Officer Marchant and Sergeant Casabian were officially sworn in at Town Council on October 17, 2018.



Public Service Announcements

Fire Restrictions Lifted

The Inyo National Forest announces that fire restrictions put into place for the forest earlier this summer will be rescinded on Friday, October 5th.

Recent rain and snow, combined with increased humidity, shorter days, and cooler night time temperatures have prompted the forest to lift the fire restrictions.

Taro Pusina, Fire Management Officer for the Inyo National Forest, reminds the public to keep fire safety in mind to avoid resource and property damage. "With shorter days, cooler weather and overall reduced fire danger, Inyo National Forest is lifting fire restrictions. We urge the visitors and residents to use common sense and exercise caution when recreating outdoors in order to minimize the chance of unwanted, human-caused fires," said Pusina.

A campfire permit is still required for those camping outside of developed campgrounds and can be obtained at visitor centers or online at www.PreventWildfireCA.org.

Important fire safety reminders for outdoor activities on public lands include:

1. Prevent vehicle related fires by maintaining proper tire pressure, ensuring adequate tire tread, and checking your brakes for overheating. Avoid traveling or parking on brush or grass. Ensure chains are not dragging while towing.
2. Make sure your campfire is dead out! Clear an area at least 10 feet in diameter for your fire. Never leave a fire unattended. Keep a shovel and bucket of water nearby at all times. Use the "drown, stir and feel" to extinguish a campfire.
3. Motorcycles, ATVs and chainsaws require an approved spark arrestor.
4. Get your California Campfire Permit online at www.PreventWildfireCA.org.

Leash Your Dog – It's The Law

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department would like to remind citizens that the Town of Mammoth Lakes has several ordinances to keep their animals and the public safe. The Mammoth Lakes Police Department has responded to an increasing number of dog-related incidents and may issue citations for dog owners in violation of the following ordinances:

MLTO 6.12.010 License (Required) – *If you live within the Town of Mammoth Lakes limits the owner of any dog over the age of six months shall procure a town dog license and pay thereafter an annual license fee for each dog.*

MLTO 6.12.210 Dog at large - *It is unlawful for any person owning, harboring, or having the care, custody or possession of any dog within the town limits of Mammoth Lakes to allow such dog to run at large. All such dogs shall be kept securely fastened by a chain, rope or leash unless securely confined within private property legally controlled by the person in possession of the dog. Further, any dog off the premises of its owner, or the person charged with the care, custody or possession of the dog, shall be presumed to be at large unless it is securely fastened to a rope, chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length and is under the immediate physical control of a competent person.*

Pet ownership comes with the responsibility of humane care and management of their animal, along with a legal obligation as well. A dog owner is liable for a victim's injuries if their dog bites and injures the victim. These ordinances also apply at Town parks and facilities. Additional ordinances regulating the responsibilities of pet owners can be found in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code (https://library.municode.com/ca/mammoth_lakes_/codes/code_of_ordinances).

Friendly reminder, Bears have no sense of personal space!

WHEN TO MAKE A BEAR CALL

DO NOT CALL:

- Bear walking through your property or neighborhood
- Bear in a tree

OPTIONAL NON-EMERGENCY - call Wildlife Expert Steve Searles at (760) 934-2327:

- Bear on porch or deck
- Bear in unoccupied vehicle
- Bear making regular visits to property or under deck or house

EMERGENCY - CALL 911:

- Bear inside any building or home
- Bear seen trying to open window or door of occupied dwelling
- Bear in confined space with human beings
- Bear apparently confronting human beings

Beware of Deer on the Roads

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) would like to notify motorists that deer are out and about in the Eastern Sierra. Due to the snowy conditions, deer are venturing out onto the roadways to escape from the snow. Motorists should watch for deer as they are commuting especially during the dawn and dusk times of the day. Slow down and be vigilant!

Ways to Prevent a Collision with a Deer:

1. Slow Down. Motorists should take it slow especially with the low temperatures and icy conditions.
2. 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.
3. Timing is everything. Deer are most active at dusk and dawn: periods when your vision is most compromised. Slow down and stay alert, especially after dark.
4. Wear your seatbelt. It may not prevent a collision, but if the inevitable happens a seatbelt can reduce injuries.
5. Look. First, look for the road signs. The yellow diamond shaped signs 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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 traffic incidents.

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.

For more deer migration information visit the Caltrans District 9 webpage: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d9/deer.html>

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Frequently Asked Questions

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Do I need a business tax certificate?

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

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.

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.

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.

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 ext. 273.

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 ext. 273 or your property management company.

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.

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 ext. 275 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.

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:

- Go to monosheriff.org
- Scroll down left side panel to CodeRED community notification system;
- Click on it and follow directions.

Town Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

In 2003, the Town adopted Exterior Lighting Ordinance 17.36.030 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.