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Town Announcements

Be Prepared For Periods of Heavy Snow!

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for Mono County in effect from 4:00pm this afternoon (February 1), to 4:00pm Tuesday afternoon (February 5). Heavy snow and gusty winds are expected during the storm. Total snow accumulations of 1 to 3 feet along Highway 395, with up to 4 to 10 feet of snow is forecast above 7,000 feet west of Highway 395. A period of blizzard conditions is possible Sunday night into Tuesday morning.

Below are the key points:

- Today may be the last good travel day until Tuesday or Wednesday.
- Storm Friday night into Saturday - Snow impacts to mountains and foothills. Lower valleys will experience mainly rain, with a burst of heavy rain Saturday morning through mid-day. Heavy precipitation could create flood problems for recent burn areas below 6,000 feet. Wet snow possible down to 5,000-5,500 feet Saturday afternoon with gusty winds over ridges and wind prone areas.
- Colder storm looking likely Sunday afternoon through Tuesday - this one has our attention with increasing confidence in lots more snow! Potential blizzard conditions in the Sierra. Travel may be impacted Sunday afternoon (post Superbowl) with winds potentially affecting aviation and ground travel.
- A few cold days/nights after the storm ends Tuesday. Temperatures in some areas may stay below freezing Tuesday Night-Friday. Snow cover could lead to single digit or even sub-zero overnight lows.
- Flights at the Mammoth Yosemite Airport may be impacted so please confirm your flight schedule with your airline.
- During the winter storm, transit services may be impacted or terminated by the worsening road conditions and poor visibility without notice. Transit passengers are encouraged to call ESTA at (760) 924-3184 or download the free Transit app.
- The Town advises residents and visitors to be prepared by listening to KMMT 106.5 or Sierra Wave 92.5 for chain restrictions or road closures. The Town, as needed will post updated information online at: www.Townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or it's facebook page. In the event of any emergency, please call 911 for assistance.

Measure R & U FY19/20 Allocation Application Period Opens February 1

Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) will be opening the application for Measure R and U funds for Fiscal Year 2019/20 on February 1, 2019. The application period closes on February 28, 2019 at 5:00pm.

Interested applicants have the opportunity to meet with Mammoth Lakes Recreation staff on Tuesday, February 5 from 12:00-2:00pm and from 5:30- 7:00pm at the Mammoth Lakes Library, in order to familiarize themselves with the process, work

through specific details on their application, and ask any questions about the application. The purpose of these workshops is to provide an overview of the application process and clarify any questions there may be prior to the application review process. Those who are unable to make it to one of the workshops can schedule one on one time with staff.

For more information, or if you have any questions about the workshop or the allocation process, please contact Kim Anaclerio at kim@mammothlakesrecreation.org. Information and resources are available at: <http://mammothlakesrecreation.org/measure-r-u/>.

Housing and “The Parcel” Update

Attainable, affordable housing has been at the forefront of discussions in the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the State of California for at least the past couple of years. The Town has taken steps to begin to secure housing for our community workforce with the purchase of the 25+/- acre Shady Rest parcel (now called The Parcel) in the middle of Town. The site offers opportunity to address a significant portion of the housing needs in Mammoth Lakes. The plans for this site will go through a public process to develop a community-based master plan.

Town staff have taken the lead on the project. This has included providing public tours of The Parcel, review of the topography, wet lands, boundaries, infrastructure connection points and adjacent land uses. Over the next several months this work will be refined and with community input development options prepared for discussion and ultimately for Town Council approval. Consulting support services (experts in the field of affordable housing) are being retained, as well as planning experts to assist in the process. (Add a site Map) The actual development of this property will take time and require substantial financial resources (grants, private investment, Town investment, partnerships etc.) with some of the financing options also defining the type(s) of development. The development of The Parcel represents an opportunity for the Town and our community to be proactive in providing housing for our workforce.

The Parcel will not address all of the Town’s housing needs and other creative solutions will need to be implemented. This was the focus of the recently completed and accepted Housing Action Plan, which outlined a number of housing strategies. Over the next several months a variety of action steps related to housing our workforce will be coming forward to the Council for direction.

Leveling the Playing Field for Short Term Rentals

The Town has contracted with Host Compliance, which adds new capability to enhance compliance with the Town’s Short Term Rental requirements. This Host Compliance provides an online search tool designed to identify and check the status of online rentals. The new tool reviews posting of short-term rentals on numerous web-based platforms and checks them for compliance with the Town’s Ordinance. The tool has increased the Finance Department’s ability to bring a number of rentals into compliance and to take appropriate action on illegal rentals and has enhanced the Revenue Team’s enforcement efforts and productivity.

Sustainable Recreation and the Outdoor Economy

The Town, Mono County, and Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) have partnered to create a joint-funded position to focus on defining projects and funding to enhance our regional outdoor recreation economy. The new Eastern Sierra Sustainable

Recreation Coordinator, Matthew Paruolo, started on January 14, 2019 and will be working for MLR.

The Eastern Sierra Region is part of a \$374 billion outdoor economy that continues to grow. Tourism is the bread and butter for our community and the need to provide quality visitor experiences, new opportunities, and a diversity of activities will drive both public and private investment in the region. The Town is taking a leadership role in working with our non-profits and federal agencies to establish new partnerships focused on creating a sustainable recreational environment both now and for future generations. This process is taking shape through the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. Working together we provide quality recreational opportunities, enhanced landscape management, new capital investment and a legacy for future outdoor enthusiasts.

Town Meetings & Events

Town Council

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council has been scheduled for **Wednesday, February 6, 2019** 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

February 5 Recreation Commission Meeting, Suite Z, 9:00AM

Feb. 13 Planning & Economic Development Commission Mtg., Ste. Z, 2:00PM

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Department Updates

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS...

- Yoga classes at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center continue each Sunday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Suggested donation of \$5-\$10. Unwind and stretch after a day on the hill!
- [Register for Instructional Basketball!](#) This is a FREE introductory level program for kids in first or second grade who are just becoming interested in the sport of basketball. Instructional Basketball meets Thursday evenings from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Middle School Gym beginning Thursday, February 7 and continuing through March 21. Even though the program is FREE registration is still required so [register today!](#)

- The fifth session of Toddler Time starts on Tuesday, February 5. This three-week session is held from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center. This program is designed to introduce structure and routine to young children to help them transition into preschool or kindergarten. Each session costs \$48 with a 50% sibling discount; payment is requested at time of enrollment, drop in rates are available. Call Carole Mills at (209) 480-2699 for more information.
- [SMG Backcountry Tours](#) are back each Wednesday through April 17. Only \$250 for a full day of education on accessing the backcountry. Get away from the crowds and take the plunge today! Open to all levels 13 years of age and up, two people minimum required for the class to take place, equipment rentals available through SMG separately.
- Check out the [MLTS Nordic Trail System at Shady Rest Park](#), open to Nordic skiers, winter walkers and fat bikers! Check out the map of [Shady Rest Winter Trails \(non-motorized/multi-use\)](#) or the [Inyo National Forest Winter Recreation Trails](#) and explore a new trail or say hello to an old favorite this weekend!
- League play for Adult Indoor Soccer "A" League Scores:

2019 Adult Indoor Soccer – Week 2

Ski School	9	GTO	3
Junk Show United	4	Team Furloughed	0
Bishop FC	5	La Palma	4
Black Tie	4	Niupi FC	1

Full schedule along with scores and standings is available on the [league homepage](#).

- The [Adult Curling League](#) is underway and the competition is heating up! Teams are really coming into their own just in time for playoffs. Come check out a match next Tuesday evening at 7:00 or 8:15pm or try it out yourself at drop-in curling on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the Mammoth Ice Rink!

2019 Adult Curling League Scores – Week 4

RED DIVISION		BLUE DIVISION	
Curl Jam	3	Jheri Curl	6
Fat Bottom Curl	3	I Think I'm Going to Curl	3
Stone Cold Curlers	5	Crowley Curlers	6
Sweeping Beauties	1	Short and Curly	3
Jheri Curl	5	Crowley Curlers	8
I Think I'm Going To Curl	3	Short and Curly	1
Stone Cold Curlers	4	Curl Jam	5
Sweeping Beauties	2	Fat Bottom Curl	4

- [Adult Volleyball](#) is sold out and league play begins next Wednesday, February 6. Come check out a game each Wednesday evening at the Mammoth Middle School gym between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. and support your local volleyball players!

MAMMOTH LAKES POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

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.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

Work for the Town of Mammoth Lakes

As we continue to grow and expand our workforce, the Town is pushing recruitment efforts with a number of exciting temporary and year-round employment opportunities!

- [Assistant Engineer](#)
Are you looking for an opportunity to work alongside a team of dedicated engineering professionals? If you want to be part of a growing Public Works Department and be involved in a variety of exciting projects in Mammoth Lakes, apply now! We're looking for an Assistant Engineer who's motivated and committed to serving our community.

- [Associate Civil Engineer](#)
Are you looking to take the next step in your career as an Engineer? The Town of Mammoth Lakes is looking for an Associate Civil Engineer to join our Public Works Department. In this role, you will gain valuable experience working on a variety of public and private projects in Mammoth Lakes and you will get to work alongside a team of dedicated, hard-working professionals.
- [Senior Planner](#)
We're looking for an experienced planning professional to take on a management role in our Community and Economic Development Department. Demonstrated experience in municipal land use planning is essential for this senior-level position.
- [Senior Planner/Housing Coordinator](#)
Looking for a rewarding career in municipal government that allows you to live, work, and play in a pristine mountain community? The Town of Mammoth Lakes is looking for a Senior Planner/Housing Coordinator to join our growing Community and Economic Development Department. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated experience in managing housing-related programs, be knowledgeable in applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and be motivated to serve our local community!

The Town of Mammoth Lakes knows our employees are our most valuable assets, which is why we strive to attract and retain the best talent. If you're committed to public service and you want to be part of the changing face of local government, apply now! Visit our [career portal](#) for more information.

Public Service Announcements

Fly to Mammoth Lakes!

Fly to Mammoth Lakes with fares starting from \$79 one way*

Mammoth Yosemite Airport is only 10 minutes away making travel to Mammoth Lakes even easier. You can reach Mammoth Lakes from over 100 cities worldwide – including New York, Chicago, Dallas, and Sydney. Enjoy convenient year-round flights to Mammoth Lakes via Los Angeles (LAX) and flights from Denver, San Francisco, Burbank, and Orange County available during the winter season. Go to VisitMammoth.com to get detailed information on commercial air service to Mammoth Lakes.

Airport shuttles, hotel shuttles and car rental agencies are available at the Mammoth Yosemite Airport. Be sure to check with your individual hotel to see if airport pick-up is available. And once you're booked, you can track your flight.

*Restrictions apply. See site for full terms and conditions.

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).

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

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.