



Town of Mammoth Lakes

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Town News

Week of July 25, 2011

News from the Town Manager

Town Council Meeting - Aug. 3

The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in Suite Z in the Minaret Village Mall. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Notice of Vacancy on Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that one term of office is currently open on the Mammoth Lakes Planning Commission. The term of appointment expires on July 31, 2014. The Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Members receive a stipend of \$200 per meeting with a maximum of \$400 per month. Interested parties should file an application with the Town Clerk on or before **Friday, August 12, 2011** at 5:00 p.m. Application forms may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Offices, Minaret Village Shopping Center; or by writing to P.O. Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, Attention: Town Clerk; or by phoning 934-8989, extension 267. The form can also be found on the Town's website, www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us. A Public Notice will be placed in The Sheet.

Town is Hiring!

Two job openings in the Finance Department have been posted on the Town's website: <http://ca-mammothlakes.civicplus.com/jobs.aspx>. Both job openings, for the Financial Analyst/Revenue Specialist and the Accounting Assistant I, will close on **Monday, August 1, 2011** at 5:00 p.m.

Calls for Service/Officer Observations

209, including 5 business/building checks

Crime Incident Reports

28 reports, including 7 arrests

Traffic Stop/Citations/Traffic Collisions

48 stops; 16 citations; 0 parking citations; 0 skate park citations; 4 collisions

Animal Control Incidents

5 incidents; 1 report

Wildlife

5 calls; 1 report

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, July 22 - Saturday, July 23 = **52%**
(55% same weekend in 2010, down 3% in 2011)

Sunday, July 24 - Thursday, July 28 = **46%**
(41% same midweek in 2010, up 5% in 2011)

Twitter

Follow 'TownofMammoth' daily on Twitter at www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us.

Community Development

SR 203 Summer Paving Schedule

Granite Construction will begin work grinding and paving SR 203 on Monday, July 25, 2011 when construction area signs will be placed and utility covers lowered prior to the grinding and paving. Lane closures will be required, but should not restrict access to streets and businesses. Failing pavement placed 3 years ago needs to be replaced with a different formulation of hot mix asphalt that will be more durable. The work will start at HWY 395, including ramps, and continue up SR 203 to the Main Lodge.

Grinding and paving is planned to start on August 3 or 4, 2011 starting at HWY 395. The work will be done in the following stages:

1. HWY 395 to Sierra Park Rd. - 4 days
2. Sierra Park Rd to Minaret Rd. - 4 days
3. Minaret Rd to Mammoth Knolls Rd. - 1 day
4. Mammoth Knolls Rd to MMSA Main Lodge - 6 days.

To complete the project, there will be shoulder backing, raising utility covers and striping, which will require lane closures, but will be much less intrusive than the paving operation. All work is expected to be complete by mid to late September. Additional public information will follow including the notification of adjacent businesses prior to each stage of work.

Lakes Basin Special Study (LABSS) Draft Report Out for Public Review!

The "Lakes Basin Special Study Preliminary Management Concepts" draft report is now available for public review and input! The culmination of months of data gathering and three public meetings, this report lays out four different management scenarios that could be applied to the Lakes Basin in the future, as a way of keeping this popular area rich with recreation opportunities and environmentally sustainable for the long-term.

Whether or not you attended the public meetings held last fall, please review this important document and provide your feedback to the LABSS partners (the Inyo National Forest, the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and Friends of the Inyo) by taking the online questionnaire. The draft report is available for download as a PDF by clicking on the LABSS graphic on www.mltpa.org. Instructions for participating in this public-input process are listed on the LABSS draft report web page as well as on the opening pages of the PDF. The questionnaire can be accessed from the web page as well as directly from the PDF.

Public feedback on "LABSS Preliminary Management Concepts" will be received through **August 15, 2011**. Your opinions, suggestions, and engagement with this process continue to be critical to the success of the Lakes Basin Special Study and to the long-term sustainability (and enjoyment) of the Lakes Basin itself. If you have questions about this process, or about LABSS in general, please contact MLTPA by emailing LABSS@mltpa.org or calling (760) 934-3154.

Community News

2011 Mammoth Lakes Music Festival

Brilliant like California's sunshine, mysterious like the universe, great works of chamber music resound from the Eastern Sierra mountains between Wednesday, July 20 and Friday, August 5 during the 2011 Mammoth Lakes Music Festival. Supernovas of the national and international music scene descend upon Cerro Coso College and light up the skies with their flashy virtuosity. The Music Festival features Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening concerts at Cerro Coso College beginning at 7:30 p.m. Visit <http://www.felicitrio.com/mlmf.html> for the complete schedule and ticket information.

12th Annual Mammoth Lakes Foundation Golf Classic

How far does your drive go at 8,000 feet? Find out at the 12th Annual Mammoth Lakes Foundation Golf Classic on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at Sierra Star Golf Course. By joining the Mammoth Lakes Foundation on the greens, you're helping with something the Foundation has been hard at work on for over 20 years – supporting higher education and cultural enrichment in the Eastern Sierra.

Started in 2000, the Golf Classic is an integral way that the Mammoth Lakes Foundation and its supporters raise money for local student scholarships, the operation of South Gateway Student Apartments, supporting Edison Theatre and Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre, and planning for a proposed Mammoth Arts & Cultural Center.

Highlights of this year's Golf Classic include four player scramble format, closest to the pin on all par threes, \$500 putting contest with a guaranteed winner, hole-in-one award, raffle, and silent auction. Back by popular demand is the Super Ticket raffle with a grand prize of seven nights at Casa Russell, a deluxe four-bedroom desert resort home with pool in Indio, Calif. Super Tickets are just \$25 per entry and also include one "tee shot" mulligan and five regular raffle tickets. Only one Super Ticket will be sold per person, so the odds of winning are outstanding.

Registration for the Golf Classic is just \$100 for individuals and \$400 for foursomes until September 1. After September 1 individual registration rises to \$125 and \$400 for individual and foursome fees respectively. All participants receive greens fees and cart, use of chipping and putting greens, lunch, tournament gift, silent auction, awards party, and the opportunity to support higher education and cultural enrichment in Mammoth. The tournament sold out last year – players are advised to register early.

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation would like to thank tournament sponsor Mr. Bob Hart and breakfast sponsor Southern California Edison. Tee sign, lunch, and in-kind sponsorships are still available. To register, or to learn more, please call (760) 934-3781 or email Maya@MammothLakesFoundation.org.

Inyo National Forest Begins Implementing Travel Management Decision

Crews have begun the hard work of converting words on paper from the 2009 Travel Management Decision into actual on-the-ground actions. As you travel through the Inyo National Forest this summer, you will likely see a diverse array of volunteers, partners, and Forest crews placing signs on newly designated routes, disguising and blocking unauthorized routes, and fixing problem sections of system routes to ensure that routes will be stable and can remain open for motorized use. Other specialists are analyzing what additional future treatments may be needed to stabilize or naturalize unauthorized routes, or to convert these to non-motorized uses. These more intensive restoration efforts require additional planning, and will include public involvement.

The Inyo National Forest Travel Management Decision signed by Forest Supervisor Jim Upchurch in August of 2009 made determinations about which roads and trails on the Inyo National Forest would be designated for motorized uses. Of 1,700 miles of previously undetermined routes, just over 1,000 miles were added to the National Forest Transportation System (NFTS), for a total of approximately 2,360 miles of designated NFTS roads and trails. A Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), the legally-binding depiction of designated roads and trails, was developed in early 2010. Additionally, the decision required the Forest to perform certain repairs (mitigations) on newly-designated routes within five years; in many cases, these mitigations will open routes for motorized traffic, which will then show on future versions of the MVUM. The decision also provided for the placement of signs and small barriers and/or disguising to help reduce confusion about which routes are open for motorized use. All routes remain open to non-motorized recreation, such as equestrian, biking or foot travel.

Much of the work is funded through grants from California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) trust fund, which are primarily financed from state gas taxes. Forest funds for road and trail maintenance, as well as recreation and resource funding sources are also used in support of the Travel Management program. State OHMVR funds were utilized in a joint effort with the California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) to develop a high quality color recreational map of the north half of the Forest's motorized trails and roads. The CTUC recreational maps (which normally sell for \$3.00) and the official MVUM maps are currently available free of charge at all Inyo NF offices and visitor centers. The CTUC will release a map of the south half of the Forest later this year.

The Forest Service is looking at creative ways to accomplish the vast amount of work on the ground, including using Student Conservation Association, Youth Conservation Corps, Friends of the Inyo stewardship crews, student interns, and various volunteer groups such as the Eastern Sierra Four Wheel Drive Club and others. The Forest

encourages individuals to contact one of these groups if you'd like to participate in their efforts. If your group is interested in assisting with the Travel Management effort, or if you're curious about the Forest's Adopt-A-Trail program, please contact your local Ranger District Office or Marty Hornick at the Forest Supervisor's Office (contact info below).

The Forest will host public meetings pertaining to Travel Management implementation and related projects later this summer. Stay tuned for more information on these meetings.

If you have any questions or observations about the Inyo National Forest Travel Management implementation, please contact Marty Hornick at (760) 873-2461 or mhornick@fs.fed.us.

3rd Annual June Lake Loop Mountain Music Festival

The June Lake Loop Mountain Music Festival Association happily presents the third annual June Lake Loop Mountain Music Festival, July 28th – 31st, 2011, in the historic June Lake Loop (Highway 158 in Mono County). This year's four-day festival at five venues around the loop includes a broad musical repertoire and events for the whole family: world class country, folk, honky tonk, classic and alternative rock music acts; exceptional local musical talents; a five-day kid's music camp (starting July 25th to July 30th); dancing; and an encore performance by a national favorite, Emily Wells.

Jewel of the High Sierra, June Lake Loop, offers fishing, hiking, horse-back riding, swimming, fine dining, two famous pubs and a world-class spa – all in a stunning environment. Music has always been in the heart of the Loop, with impromptu concert gatherings springing up in the meadows, in the pubs, and in the parking lots. The Mountain Music Festival celebrates this rich history with incredible music, food, dancing, and fun. Tickets for each event range from \$10 to \$20 and are available online or on the day of the show at each venue. All-event passes are also available for \$60 online or at The LOOP Hub (June Lake Reservations – near the post office).

Profits will support "The June Loop Lake Women's Club Scholarship Fund". Thanks go out to our venues and sponsors: The Sierra Inn, Trout Town Joe's, June Mountain, Double Eagle. Write Now Poetry Society, Art Beat Foundation, AmTam Enterprises, the Mono County Tourism Commission, Mono Council for the Arts, The Walter Lantz Foundation, The Highlands, Victory Lodge, The Michaels Family, and D Cross.

For tickets, directions, more details, music, and additional press materials head to: www.junelakemusic.com or search June Lake Loop Mountain Music Festival on Facebook! See you on "The Loop!"

Recreation Highlights

DRAFT RecStrats Implementation Plan Available For Review

The Recreation Commission is soliciting final comments from the public on the Draft RecStrats Implementation Strategy Report. The report is available on the homepage of the Towns Website: www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us. Public comments will be accepted until **Wednesday, July 27, 2011** and should be submitted to Stuart Brown, Recreation Manager & Public Information Officer (sbrown@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us) or by fax to (760) 934-7493.

Please focus your comments in the following areas:

Part 5: Workshop Results

- Review for any linkages or identified elements that might have been overlooked or are missing (pages 15-23).

Part 6: Project List

- Review Preliminary Project List (page 24) for any elements that might have been omitted; review Consolidated Project List and Final Consolidated List for clarification, duplication, and/or omissions.
- Review Non-Linkage List of Community Identified Elements (page 30) and provide suggestions for how to address these elements that didn't naturally link to other categories. Specifically, what should the Town of Mammoth Lakes do in regards to these elements?

Part 7: Recommendations (page 31)

- Proposed Project Feasibility Study: provide feedback and/or suggestions regarding the proposed implementation timeline (short to long-term view) and/or project feasibility study process (page 32).

Thank you in advance of your comments and we appreciate your passion to help Mammoth Lakes be the best alpine recreation community in the country.

Youth Tennis Camp

The first of two Youth Tennis Camps begins Monday, July 18, 2011 at the Community Center Tennis Courts from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tom Sherry our new tennis professional has programmed a fun and exciting camp that not only emphasizes stroke production and strategy, but an introduction to the wonderful world of tennis! The Youth Tennis Camp is only \$125/player for 5-days and is for ages 7-18 years. Daily drop-in rates are also available so call Tom directly at (707) 365-9361 for more information, or register at the Recreation Department Office located above Giovanni's.

Wilderness Camp

Enjoy the Mammoth outdoors in this exciting camp that includes day hikes, outdoor games, bouldering and map reading. Each day includes a different day hike along with a variety of outdoor activities and concludes with an overnight campout at a local campground. Campers participating in the overnight will be responsible for their own supplies. The 5-day camp begins Monday, July 25, 2011 is for ages 7-13 years old and the cost is \$125 / \$35 per day, \$45 for overnight only. Family Discount: \$10 Discount per child after the first family member has paid the regular camp price.

Register at the Recreation Department Office located above Giovanni's or call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222.

Mountain Bike Camp - NEW FOR 2011!

Join Recreation Staff and Footloose Sports Pro-riders in this informative and educational 3-day (Wednesday thru Friday) camp. We'll bike all over Mammoth including the world famous Mammoth Mountain Bike Park. All participants should be well-rounded cyclists with a sturdy helmet, related mountain biking gear and a mountain bike. We'll be riding all over Mammoth Lakes, but still make time for other activities like golf, a movie and meals on the road. Pick up the schedule from the Recreation Office. The 3-day camp begins Wednesday, July 27, 2011 is for ages 7-13 years old and the cost is \$125 / \$35 per day, \$45 for overnight only. Family Discount: \$10 Discount per child after the first family member has paid the regular camp price. Register at the Recreation Department Office located above Giovanni's or call staff at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222.

Eastside Velo Weekend Events

On Friday, July 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. ESV will be hosting a [Tour de France Night](#) at the Clocktower. We'll be gathering to watch Stage 19 of the Tour de France, an epic battle over three mountain passes in the Alps. This should be the defining stage of this year's Tour, and most likely will identify the rider to wear yellow in Paris. Don't forget to sign-up for this Sunday's [Crowley Lake Pie Ride](#), an annual favorite. This ride features several route options for all abilities, and finishes at the Crowley Lake Park with a pot-luck picnic.

Adult Summer Softball League Standings

The 2011 Adult Summer Softball League is underway. Softball standings are posted weekly on the Town's website: <http://ca-mammothlakes.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=331>. Coed plays every Tuesday and Thursday nights, Men's league plays Mondays and Wednesdays. The snack bar will be open courtesy of the Mammoth Lakes Women's Club, so come on down and see what summer softball is all about at Shady Rest Park.

Mammoth Lakes Farmers Market

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

Mammoth Mud Run

Stomp through mud pits! Crawl on your hands and knees underneath obstacles! Haul your body up and over walls! And that's just a partial listing of what you'll have to do. The 1st Annual Mammoth Mud Run tests your endurance and strength in a series of obstacles, mud pits and more over a span of 5 kilometers. It's fun. It's dirty. It will leave you breathless. Join us for the highest Mud Run in California on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at the Village at Mammoth/Canyon Lodge. For more information and to register visit www.MammothMountain.com/MammothMudRun.

Mammoth AYSO Registration

Register your player or yourself as a volunteer parent, coach or referee by June 30, 2011. Registration & volunteer forms are available at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department Office (above Giovanni's) Monday - Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. After July 1, and before August 1, 2011 players are requested to complete forms, submit late payment fees of \$10/player and wait to be placed – space available – on a team.

The current player fees are \$60 per child or \$50 / \$40 for second or third child (please bring birth certificates for new players). Fees include new uniform, team photo, great coaching, tournaments and awards! Age Divisions: U5 Coed / U6 Coed / U8 / U10 / U12 / U15 & U19. For complete registration information, call (760) 709-2481, email: Mammothayso@gmail.com or visit www.Mammothayso.com.

Six Unforgettable Days in the Sierras

Mammoth Mountain is excited to announce the return of the Mammoth Unbound Camp. The camp provides a unique opportunity for kids between 8-15 to visit Mammoth and experience everything the Sierras has to offer. Over the course of six, fun-filled days campers will participate in geocaching, skateboarding, mountain biking, rock climbing, zip lining as well as a day of hiking and rafting in Yosemite, before finishing the week with a horseback riding adventure through the mountains where they will camp overnight and sleep under the stars. Campers will be housed in same sex rooms at the Mammoth Mountain Inn with 24-hour supervision from our highly qualified staff. A 7-to-1 camper to counselor ratio ensures plenty of private attention for your child. All food is also included and the diverse menu will have healthy options for all. Camp dates are July 10-15, July 24-29 and August 7-12, 2011. Contact Pam Lonza at (760) 934-0795, email plonza@mammoth-mtn.com, or visit www.MammothMountain.com/SummerCamps for all the details or to make a reservation.

Sierra Club, Range of Light Activities

- Sierra Club evening hikes every Wednesday. See <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/>
- Sierra Club Outings every Sunday. See <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/>
- Sierra Club Social and Program: Tuesday July 19, Hayden Cabin Museum BBQ.
- Go to <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/> for details.
- Sierra Club Hike with Birders Steve Brad & Ken Wells, Saturday July 30. <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/>

ON-GOING RECREATION PROGRAMS...

Sharpen Up Your Stroke at the Community Center Tennis Courts

Tennis lessons are now being offered by USPTA Tennis Professional Tom Sherry at the Community Center Tennis Courts. Clinics, camps, and private lessons for all ability levels are scheduled every Tuesday through Thursday that emphasize stroke production and strategy. The Mammoth Lakes Tennis Club (MLTC) has programmed a number of special events hosted at the Community Center Tennis Courts, including the new "Sunday Social" beginning on June 19, 2011. Socials get underway from 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. with snacks provided by the MLTC. For more information

about the tournaments and socials, contact MLTC president Gail Lonne at (760) 934-0150 or glonne@verizon.net. To purchase your tennis lesson punch cards, please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222, visit www.townofmammothlakes.com or pick up a copy of the new 2011/12 Annual Mammoth Lakes Recreation Guide available throughout town. Tennis Lessons will be unavailable on Thursday, July 7 and 14, 2011. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Party Yourself into Shape!

Zumba® Fitness is offered every Monday by Kaysie Williams from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail (near The Village). Zumba® Fitness is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Participants don't even have to know how to dance. Just move your body and follow the instructor's lead. It's easy! Participants can purchase a 10 class punch card for \$77.50 or a 5 class punch card for only \$42.50. The Drop-In rate is \$10 per class. For more information or to register call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Feel the music and let loose!

Learn to Swim this Summer at the Whitmore Pool

The Whitmore Pool is your venue for swim lessons of all ages and abilities this summer. Located adjacent to the ball fields on Benton Crossing Road, this unique outdoor aquatic facility has a 360-degree view of the Eastern Sierra, including the Glass and White Mountain ranges. Stroke Improvement classes are offered every Monday and Wednesday from 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. between May 11 - June 15, 2011, and Mondays only from June 20 - August 8, 2011. Cost is \$10 per day. American Red Cross Swim Lessons are progressive lessons offered for all ages. The Whitmore Pool staff will help you place your child in the correct level and provide information regarding times of the specific class needed. Classes are subject to cancellation due to low enrollment if the minimum class size of 3 students is not met. The first session begins June 27 between 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. for Tiny Tot, and level I, between 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. for Tiny Tot, II, III. Please call the Whitmore Pool at (760) 935-4222 for reservations or stop by to make arrangements.

Get Gymnastics Fever!

This year-round program is designed to introduce children from 3-18 years old the wonderful and exciting sport of gymnastics. Offered by Michelle DeJong, a level 8 competitive gymnast and Level 1-5 gymnastics coach, participants will learn to tumble and more in a safe and structured environment. This program is also a recipient of Measure R funding with \$7,000 of gymnastic equipment. Three age sessions are available at the Community Center.

- 3-5 yr olds – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 5-8 yr olds – Saturday: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- 8-12+ yr olds – Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Saturday: 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fees are only \$50/month (8 sessions) for residents and \$60/month for non-residents. Five session Punch Cards are available for \$50 and Private lessons are available upon request at \$20 for 30-45 minutes. Drop-in's are welcome and encouraged - First one is FREE! Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to register your aspiring Gymnast!

Never Have a Slow Day in Mammoth!

The eagerly awaited 2011/12 Annual Mammoth Lakes Recreation Guide is now available! The 32 page guide is the definitive source for recreation in Mammoth Lakes packed-full of programs, events and activities for kids of all ages. Whether you're looking for family fun at our many parks, challenging your endurance on our many trails or replenishing your spirit in the great outdoors, we hope you'll take advantage of what our team has created, and what awaits you in Mammoth Lakes...Your recreation Nirvana!

Look for a plethora of new camps including mountain biking, a Grom Mania and Wave Rave Concrete Kommandos Skate Camp, the Challenger British Sports Camp, the AYSO Advanced Soccer Camp and our hugely popular climbing, wilderness and Youtheatre camps. There is also an extensive sports & recreation events calendar, summer/winter trail map, and information on our aquatics, tennis and gymnastic programs.

A big "thank you" to our many partners involved in producing the guide: our service providers who created the diverse programming activities; our advertisers who provided the financial support and the Town's Staff who keep it all together. For additional information about recreation in Mammoth Lakes or to register for a camp or program please visit www.townofmammothlakes.com or call the Recreation Department office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Make it a great day!

Sports & Recreation Calendar

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- On-going: Zumba Fitness at the Community Center
- On-going: The Whitmore Pool is open – swim lessons...
- On-going: Little Sluggers Begins at MES (ends June 29)
- On-going: Tennis Lessons every Tuesday/Thursday
- On-going: Main Street Farmers Market every Wednesday
- On-going: Footloose Sports Tour of Mammoth Bike Challenge
- On-going: Coed Softball League
- On-going: Men's Softball League
- June 29: Reds Meadow Road OPEN
- July 18: Swim Lessons Session 1V
- July 18: Youth Tennis Camp – daily drop-in available
- July 20: Grom Mania Skate Camp
- July 20: Mammoth Lakes Music Festival (ends August 5)
- July 21: Mammoth Trails Meeting
- July 24: ESV Crowley/Rock Lake Pie Ride
- July 25: Wilderness Camp
- July 25: Swim Lessons Session V
- July 27: Mountain Bike Camp
- July 30: 24th annual Children's Fishing Festival – Snowcreek Ponds
- July 30: Mammoth Challenge Triathlon
- July 30/31: 41st annual Fireman's Canoe races at Horsehoe Lake & Picnic at Shady Rest Park
- July 31: "Quake & Shake 10k and Half marathon
- August 1: U.K. International Soccer Camp 11
- August 8-12: AYSO Advanced Soccer Camp for U12/U15 & U19 players

Public Service Announcements

Renew Dog Licenses Before August 1st to Avoid Late Fee

Town of Mammoth Lakes dog licenses expire on June 30, 2011 and non renewals become delinquent August 1, 2011 resulting in a \$5 fee increase. Tags for the 2011/12 license year are now available at the Police Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please bring proof of a current rabies vaccination (shot must be effective through May 2012) and a veterinarian certificate of spay/neuter if the animal is fixed. With the delinquent fee added, tags are \$18 for spayed/neutered dogs, and \$35 if unaltered. License fees may be paid by cash, check or debit/credit card. State law and Town ordinance require all dogs four months old or older have a current rabies shot and a Town license.

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/licenselistings_bml_searchcotest.php. Under

the search categories provided select Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors for a complete list of devices.

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

- Owners shall install CO devices in a manner consistent with building standards applicable to new construction for the relevant type of occupancy if it is technically feasible. See the 2010 California Building Code, Section 420.4, and the 2010 California Residential Code, Section R315.
- CO devices shall produce a distinct audible alarm.
- CO devices may be combined with a smoke detector, if the combination device meets all specified SFM listing and approval requirements.
- Violation of Health & Safety Code Section 17926 is an infraction punishable by a maximum fine of two-hundred dollars for each offense.
- A local enforcement agency shall provide the property owner a 30-day notice to correct.
- Local jurisdictions are authorized to adopt ordinances requiring CO devices if the ordinance is consistent with the requirement of this bill.

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

The Bears are Back!

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

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

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

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

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

New Rule Before School Opens in the Fall!

All students entering grades 7-12 this fall must provide proof of having immunization against whooping cough ('Tdap') before starting school. In light of California's recent and ongoing whooping cough (pertussis) epidemic, there is no reason to wait for the new school year. Besides, the first day of school is busy enough as it is without having to "get shot"!

This new school requirement applies to all public and private schools, and includes students who are home schooled. California's parents are being urged not to wait for the new fall school year, since there will be no grace period. Under the new law, students will not be allowed to start school without proof of vaccination. All schools will be subject to selective review and audit.

If a child does not have health insurance, or is only partially insured, your child's doctor or the Mono County Health Department can provide information about the Vaccines for Children Program which provides free or low-cost vaccines. The Tdap vaccine is also available at Von's.

Be sure to add this to your "to do" list, and have your child vaccinated before you get distracted by all the fun summer activities. The first day of school will arrive before you know it! For more information, please visit www.ShotsforSchool.org, or call us at (760) 924-1830 for more information.

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Town Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

In 2003, the Town implemented an outdoor lighting ordinance to eliminate light pollution and preserve views of our starry skies. The outdoor lighting ordinance was adopted to encourage residents to administer a lighting system that not only promotes public safety and night-time ambiance but to maximize energy conservation. To eliminate glare and light trespass into neighboring properties and roadways, the outdoor lighting fixtures on your property should be shielded and re-directed to shine downward or changed out to a lower wattage. More information about responsible lighting can be found at www.crlaction.org.