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Town News

Week of June 18, 2012

News from the Town Manager

Town Council Meeting – June 20

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a Recreation Commission joint workshop. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Appy For a Permit to Operate a Medical Marijuana Cooperative in Mammoth Lakes.

The Town's Municipal Code authorizes up to two permits for Medical Marijuana Cooperatives and there is currently only one available permit. Municipal Code Chapter 5.38 addresses the requirements and procedures for applying the permitting process. Medical Marijuana Cooperatives may only be located in certain areas. Potential applicants are encouraged to review Chapter 5.38 so that they have an understanding of the process and the acceptable locations. Chapter 5.38 is available at:
http://library.municode.com/HTML/16632/level2/TIT5BUTALIRE_CH5.38MEMACO.html#TOPTITLE

Applications may be picked up at the Police Station during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. Completed applications must be turned in no later than 5 pm on Friday, July 16, 2012. All completed applications will be processed and reviewed pursuant to Chapter 5.38. Those applications deemed qualified by the Police Department will be submitted to the Town's Community Development Department (CDD).

After the Police Department submits the qualified applicant(s) to the CDD, those qualified applicant(s) will then be required to submit an application for a use permit to the CDD for consideration by the Planning Commission. A public hearing is required for Planning Commission consideration, which requires notification to be mailed to the properties within 300 feet of the proposed Medical Marijuana Cooperative location. The Planning Commission will only be able to approve one qualified Medical Marijuana Cooperative consistent with the Municipal Code.

Please see the Medical Marijuana Cooperatives Fact Sheet for additional information regarding the permit process at <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=476>

Calls for Service/Officer Observations

149, including 0 business/building checks

Crime Incident Reports

15 reports, including 6 arrests

Traffic Stop/Citations/Traffic Collisions

31 stops; 10 citations; 6 parking citations; 0 skate park citations; 0 collisions

Animal Control Incidents

7 incidents; 0 reports

Wildlife

2 calls; 0 reports

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, June 15, 2012 - Saturday, June 16, 2012 = 36%
(37% same weekend in 2011, down 1% in 2012)

Sunday, June 17, 2012 - Thursday, June 21, 2012 = 32%
(32% same midweek in 2011, same in 2012)

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Community News

Town of Mammoth Lakes To Host Fourth of July Fireworks Show at Crowley Lake

The spectacular Fourth of July Fireworks Show will be held on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 once again at Crowley Lake. This year's fireworks show promises to be a bright and striking display of color in the Eastern Sierra night sky. High Definition Fireworks are set to go off at approximately 9:15 p.m., weather permitting, and are scheduled for 20 minutes.

Since incorporating in 1984, the Town of Mammoth Lakes has been celebrating Independence Day with a spectacular fireworks show. The Town contracts *Pyro Spectaculars by Souza* to light up the sky above Crowley Lake. Souza is well known for doing some of the largest and most spectacular fireworks displays in the world. Most recently they produced the Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary Fireworks Celebration. Their wall of fame also includes the Macy's 4th of July Spectacular in New York City, the 2002 & 2004 Olympics, and the nightly shows at Disneyland and Disney World.

At the annual Crowley Lake Fourth of July fireworks show, 662 shells are propelled into the Eastern Sierra sky for a mesmerizing 20 minutes of jaw-dropping

amazement. A whopping 450 shells are shot off in the main body, including 100 pyrotechnic shells. The Grand Finale includes over 200 designer rockets.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes would like to recognize the Elkus family as a special sponsor of this year's Fourth of the July fireworks display.

Prior to the spectacular fireworks show, kick back on the Crowley Lake Fish Camp lawn and enjoy the "Eastside Five" playing from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. Hot Chicks Rotisserie will also be serving tasty BBQ meals and beverages from 4:00 p.m., and the Crowley Lake Fish Camp convenience store will be open until 7:00 p.m. selling soda, ice cream, and snack items.

Admission to the Fourth of July Fireworks Show is \$25.00 per car, RV, or truck, and \$5.00 per individual/bike (walking/riding).

Camp permitting at Crowley Lake Fish Camp for the Fourth of July begins Tuesday, July 3, 2012 and ends Sunday, July 8, 2012. The entire lake shore at the South Landing of Crowley Lake is open for camping, and the fee is \$125 per vehicle including the fireworks show. The North Landing/North Shore of Crowley Lake will be closed beginning 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2012, thru 12:00 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 2012.

To ensure a safe holiday experience for everyone, please observe the following:

- No personal fireworks are permitted within Mono County. Be smart; leave the fireworks to the professionals!
- Please obey road closure and no parking signs. No parking will be allowed along Highway 395 or Crowley Lake Drive at any time. Do not park in fire lanes.
- The Mono County Sheriff's Department will be patrolling on Crowley Lake. Do not boat within 100 yards of the fireworks detonation site at Hilton Bay.
- Help us keep Mono County clean. Please use designated trash facilities.
- Do not drink and drive. Please use a designated driver or plan to camp at Crowley Lake Fish Camp.

Please enjoy our national holiday in a safe and responsible manner.

For more information, please contact the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222, or www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us.

Make it a great Fourth of July!

Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross - June 22

The Road to Mammoth Ends Here! The high octane action of the nation's longest continuously running motocross race and the championship event of the "Monster Energy Road to Mammoth" returns to Mammoth June 22 through July 1, 2012 for a week of racing excitement! Revel in the roar of the engines and the thrill of competition as pro and amateur racers from around the country battle it out on the country's most scenic race course at the Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross. **Spectators can catch all the action** with great viewing areas on the race course, an exciting Expo Village and more.

Reds Meadow Shuttle Service Begins Fourth of July Weekend

After celebrating its 100th anniversary as a National Monument last summer, Devils Postpile and its collection of 60 foot high basalt columns will be ready to welcome visitors by the Fourth of July. **Reds Meadow Shuttle service is scheduled to begin for the 4th of July weekend, road and weather conditions permitting. Until that time the road to Reds Meadow is closed.** Devils Postpile is just a short hike in and the 101 foot high Rainbow Falls is roughly 2.5 miles down trail from Devils Postpile. Make plans to be here for Fourth of July week by checking out all the events, lodging and dining options at www.VisitMammoth.com

Celebrate The First 50 Days of Fishing Season!

Trout season is in full swing and is starting strong with warm temperatures and big hungry fish. It's the "50 Days of Fishmas" in Mammoth Lakes until Monday, June 18, 2012. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for a chance to win a 14 foot Klamath Deluxe S Boat, Honda 8 marine HP motor, and an EZ Loader trailer. Visit EasternSierraFishing.org for all the details.

Recreation Highlights

Mammoth Roller Rink Now OPEN!

The Mammoth Lakes Multi-Use Facility and NEW Mammoth Roller Rink opened to the public on Friday, June 8, 2012. The facility is located at 416 Sierra Park Road adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Library and opposite Mammoth High School.

Operating as the Mammoth Ice Rink in winter, the Mammoth Roller Rink (www.MammothRollerRink.com) offers summer recreational roller and inline skating, youth/adult roller hockey, arena soccer, broomball, basketball, mini-ramps, and table tennis/golf. The Mammoth Roller Rink is also a fun and unique venue for your next birthday party 'on wheels' or special event.

"The Multi-Use Facility/Mammoth Roller Rink is an ideal venue for value-driven and affordable family-orientated recreational activities and programs that provide the very highest quality of life for our residents, and the highest quality of experience for our visitors," stated Stuart Brown, Recreation Manager. "We all know that a large, indoor, multi-purpose facility will take some time to be designed and constructed, so this facility is an ideal short-term alternative."

Funding for the summer operation of the Multi-Use Facility/Mammoth Roller Rink was derived from Measure U funds, with the balance expected from Measure R with Town Council consideration on June 20, 2012.

Recreational skating/hockey and Multi-Use Facility admission fees have been set to encourage participation from all socio-demographics. In particular, the \$2.00 MUSD/MCOE fee for students makes it one of the most affordable recreation activities in Mammoth Lakes. For the 2012 summer season, adults skate for only \$7.50 with skate rentals (\$5.00 with skates), youth (5-15 yrs. old) for \$6.50 with skate rentals (\$4.00 with skates), and kids 4 and under skate free with a paid adult.

This summer get your 6th Skate FREE with the Five Skate Pass (5SP), skate mid-week (Monday-Thursday) for only \$4.00 per person/session (excludes skate rental), and pay only \$2.00/person to upgrade to the next session.

Roller hockey has been programmed from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. for youth on Monday and Wednesday, and for adults on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Drop-in roller hockey is also available on Saturday between 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., and on Sunday from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

For all those soccer enthusiasts, youth arena soccer is programmed every Sunday between 3:00 and 5:30 p.m. for only \$4.00/session.

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.

When visiting the Mammoth Roller Rink, please consider taking the Trolley: Village – Snowcreek Shuttle (Red Line), Mid-Town LIFT (Purple Line) or Old Mammoth LIFT (Grey line) as parking is limited.

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.

We'll see you at Mammoth's new recreation hot spot!

Sierra Star Junior Golf Sessions – June 20

Sierra Star is offering junior golf sessions for 6 – 13 year olds. All levels of golf experience welcome. Sessions are offered every Wednesday beginning June 20 to July 25, 2012 excluding July 4th. Sessions are scheduled from 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. and are only \$99 per child (5 sessions). Participating kids can also enjoy supervised practice sessions on Sunday afternoons on our new putt putt course. Please call the Sierra Star Golf Shop at (760) 924-2200 or (760) 924-0081 to register.

Whitmore Pool Public Opening And Free Swim Day – June 23

The Whitmore Pool public opening and FREE Swim Day is Saturday, June 23, 2012. Swim lessons also begin June 25, 2012. Call the Recreation Department Office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for all the details.

U.K. International Soccer Camp: Session 1 – June 25

Professional British soccer coaches will once again host these popular camps. Coaches provide a safe, educational, and FUN program for ages 4–16 years old. The first 5-day session begins **Monday, June 25, 2012**. The cost is only \$105 for weekly morning sessions (\$35 per day), or \$165 for weekly full-day sessions (\$45 per day). Register at the Recreation Department Office or call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for information.

Footloose Freedom Mile – July 4

Register for a FUN, one mile fun run starting at the corner of Old Mammoth Road and Minaret Road at 10:10 a.m. prior to the Fourth of July Parade. Entry fee required. Proceeds benefit the Whitmore Track Project.

Footloose Sports Women's Mondays

Footloose Sports offers a FREE two hour guided mountain bike ride for women or beginner riders every Monday. Times and rides vary. Call or check the Facebook page for details. Discounted bike rentals available.

Footloose Sports Discount Tuesdays

Rent for a full day and pay the half day rate on all bikes!

Footloose Sports Women's Bike Rides

Footloose Sports offers a FREE two hour guided road bike ride for women every Wednesday and Sunday. Session includes mini-clinics and tips on riding. Sunday's rides vary. Call (760) 934-2400 or check our Facebook page for current info.

Footloose Sports Gopro Demo Day

Get over to Footloose Sports on Saturday June 30, 2012 for the Free GoPro camera demo day starting at 9:00 a.m.

Mammoth Outdoor Sports Hosts Village Championships – July 10

Mammoth Outdoor Sports will be hosting 8 weeks of Cross Country Biking to take place at Shady Rest Park starting **Tuesday July 10, 2012**. Register in advance at Mammoth Outdoor Sports or at the event. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. and the ride starts at 5:30 p.m.

Downhill rides will also run for 8 weeks and will begin Friday July 13. Meet at Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge in the court yard. Registration can be done in advance at Mammoth Outdoor Sports or at the event. Registration begins at 3:30 and the ride begins at 5:00. If you have a season pass for the bike park, or a day pass the event is free. If not, a pass is only \$7 from the mountain.

Mammoth Sharks Kids Triathlon: offering 3 coupons to team members when you register and like us on Facebook!

- 50% off bike tunes
- 20% off running shoes
- 20% off sportswear

Mammoth Motorcross: Everything FOX is on sale! 20% off bike, camping and fishing rentals, great activities for the family when you aren't racing!

Mammoth Outdoor Sports is hosting a huge tent sale and raffle on the July 4th weekend. 20% bike, camping, and fishing rentals.

Willpower For Girlpower® - July 17

Rachele Jaegers, a certified willPower® instructor is launching willPower for girlPower® for ages 8-18 at Snowcreek Athletic Club in Mammoth Lakes from July 17 – August 22, 2012. "I am strong, I am confident, and I can do anything I set my mind to" this is the mantra of willPower for GirlPower®: a 6-session program for tween and teen girls. The goal of the program is to empower young women to find inspiration, strength and confidence through a fusion of exercise and philosophy. Participants in the program learn the importance of regular balanced exercise, emotional well-being, and healthy nutrition. The next session of willPower for girlPower® will begin on July 17, 2012, at Snowcreek Athletic Club. To register, contact Rachele at CHELES0123@aol.com or (760) 258.7621, or call the club desk at (760) 934-8511. To learn more, contact: www.willPowerMethod.com.

Never Have A Slow Day In Mammoth Again!

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department is proud to present the new 2012 Summer/Fall Recreation Guide. The guide is the definitive source for recreation in Mammoth Lakes packed-full of programs, events and activities for kids of all ages. Pick up your copy from any Certified Rack located throughout Mammoth Lakes, visit the Town Offices, Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, or log onto www.MammothRecreation.com. 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!

New 2012 Summer Fees

For 2012, the Recreation Department has replaced resident and non-resident fees with "Early Bird" (EB) fees or "Regular" (Reg.) fees. Early Bird fees provide a 20% discount on camp programs if purchased 10-days in advance. This discount does not apply to the daily drop-in rate or facility rental fees. A \$5.00 family discount per child is also offered after the first family member has paid the EB or Reg. camp price.

Whitmore Pool Is Open For Lap Swim

Lap swimming at the Whitmore Pool is now offered midweek between 6:30 – 8:30 a.m., excluding Wednesday for Tri Club Training. Join us every Tuesday and Thursday for evening lap swim between 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$4.50 drop-in; \$100 Adult Season Pass; \$155 Family Season Pass (good for recreation swimming as well), or purchase the new 5 Swim pass \$20 (6th swim free!). The Pool will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012 for Memorial Day. The Whitmore Pool public opening and FREE Swim Day is Saturday, June 23, and swim lessons begin June 25, 2012. Call the Recreation Department Office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 237 for all the details.

Stroke Improvement Classes: Join certified swim instructors/coaches every Monday morning for some training! Classes are designed to improve the four competitive strokes, as well as get you trained up for that triathlon you signed up for this summer! Classes run 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. through August 27. Cost is only \$10 per session.

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Get Gymnastics Fever!

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

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

Five session Punch Cards are available for \$60 for the first family member and \$55 for each additional family member. Private lessons are available upon request, please inquire with the instructor. Drop-ins cost \$15 per session are welcome and encouraged - First one is FREE! Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to register your aspiring Gymnast!

Zumba Fitness

Party yourself into shape with Zumba® Fitness offered by Kaysie Williams from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail. Cost: 10 punch-\$77.50; 5 punch-\$42.50; Drop-In rate \$10 per class and your first class is only \$5!

Sports & Recreation Calendar

- On-going Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- On-going Zumba Fitness at the Community Center
- On-going Little Sluggers Instructional T-ball
- On-going Lap swimming at Whitmore Pool
- On-going Mammoth Roller Rink
- OPEN Tioga, Sonora and the Lakes Basin
- June 20 Sierra Star Jr. Golf Sessions begin (5 sessions)
- June 22 DEADLINE for Softball Sign-ups
- June 22-24 Youth Gymnastics Camp I
- June 22 Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross Begins
- June 23 Whitmore Pool Public Opening & FREE Swim Day
- June 25 UK International Soccer Camp, Session 1
- June 29 Shuttle service to Reds Meadow & Devils Postpile begins
- July 2 Grom Mania Skate Camp
- July 4 Fourth of July Festivities: Freedom Mile, Parade, POPS in the Park and Fireworks at Crowley Lake
- July 7 June Lake Triathlon
- July 9-13 Wilderness Camp 1
- July 9 Men's Softball League Begins
- July 10 Co-ed Softball League Begins
- July 16-20 Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp
- July 16-20 Sports Camp

- July 20-22 Youth Gymnastics Camp II
- July 21-22 Men's D Adult Softball Tournament
- July 23-27 Next Level High Altitude Basketball Academy I
- July 23-24 Youth Climbing Camp I
- July 25-27 Grom Mania Skate Camp II
- July 28-29 Coed D Adult Softball Tournament
- Jly. 30 -Ag. 3 UK International Soccer Camp II
- Jly. 30 -Ag. 3 Wilderness Camp II
- Aug. 3-5 Youth Gymnastics Camp III
- Aug. 5 Mammoth High School Football Annual Golf Tournament at Sierra Star
- Aug. 8-10 Wave Rave Concrete Kommandos
- Aug. 13-17 AYSO Advanced Training Soccer Camp
- Aug. 13-25 Next Level High Altitude Basketball Academy II
- Aug. 13-17 Wilderness Camp III
- Aug. 20-21 Youth Climbing Camp III

Public Service Announcements

Protect Your Home!

Now that winter seems to have faded, the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District (MLFD) wants to remind residents of your responsibility to keep your property fire safe. Long term residents are aware of the wildland fire incidence that can occur around town and especially after dry winters and with windy, hot, dry summers. From just about anywhere in town one can see the results of previous fire activity and the scars that have been left behind.

Establishing and maintaining defensible space around our property is all of our responsibilities. A well-maintained landscape enhances the beauty and value of any property— it can also serve as a fuel break. The goal is to keep your landscape lean, clean and green. The following steps can reduce your home's vulnerability from the threat of wildfire and reduce your use of irrigation.

ZONE 1: 30 feet or more adjacent to the home and beyond attachments such as wooden decks.

- Within the first 10 feet of the home, use nonflammable landscaping materials (rock, pavers), or low level annuals or perennials less than 18 inches in height. There should be nothing flammable within 10 feet of the home.
- Keep this area irrigated and free from dead or dry vegetation, combustible debris, and accumulations of leaf and needle litter. Plants should be carefully spaced, low growing and free of vegetation high in resins, oils, and waxes that burn easily. Mow lawns regularly.
- Prune all trees up 1/3 the height of the tree or so the lowest limbs are 10-15 feet from the ground. If adjacent to a structure, prune up to the eave level. Clearance shall be a minimum of 10 feet from chimneys/stovepipes. Keep roof surfaces clear.
- Thin out living vegetation 30 to 50% within this zone to decrease fire intensity and continuous path of travel.
- Allow space between tops of trees to reduce the risk of crown fire.
- Keep firewood stacks/piles at least 30 feet from the home. If this is not possible, from June 1 to September 30, cover entire woodpile with properly secured, fire resistive, California State Fire Marshal tagged tarp. MLFD will have an inspector issuing citations this summer for improper wood storage.
- Water plants and trees regularly to ensure they are healthy. Do not use finely shredded mulch and mulch should be wetted periodically.

- Areas around and above propane tanks need to be kept clear of vegetation for 10 feet.

ZONE 2: Approximately 30 to 100 feet from the home (if your property size permits).

- Leave approximately 30 feet between clusters of two to three trees, or approximately 20 feet between individual trees. Do not remove more than 1/3 of the crown density.
- Limit vegetation that serves as a link between low level vegetation and tree tops (ladder fuels).
- Prune trees so branches and leaves are at least 10-15 feet above the ground.
- Give yourself added protection with "fuel breaks," such as gravel walkways, and lawns.
- Remove any dead or dying material from yard and break up continuous patches of brush species to slow fire advance and decrease heat productivity.

Property owners who are unable to do this work themselves are encouraged to hire a licensed professional who both understand this information and can apply it to the property. MLFD maintains a list of qualified contractors that can perform this work.

1st Inspection:

The first inspection is done by MLFD, beginning shortly after the snow melts and continues until the first snow in the fall. Parcels found to be non-compliant are issued an inspection form detailing the problems. The homeowner is given a year to correct the identified issues.

2nd Inspection:

If the property is then found to be in compliance, the owner will receive a maintenance letter. Thereafter, routine inspections will be conducted periodically by MLFD.

If the property is not in compliance, the owner will be notified in person or via certified mail and the property owner will be given a citation notice. The citation will provide the owner with a time period to correct the identified problems or the individual will be assessed the fine amount. If the problems are left unaddressed, the owner will be subject to a misdemeanor.

Failure to clear your property in accordance with regulations in a timely fashion is not only expensive, but endangers the lives and homes of your neighbors, the community, and the firefighters who protect them.

Free, Real-Time Property Information Now Available!

The Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County are proud to present ParcelViewer, the Town and County's official web-based property information system. This free, public, on-line service can be relied upon to provide convenient, accurate and up-to-date information, based on the official Assessor's data-base. Use ParcelViewer to view and print customized parcel information and maps, including:

- Zoning Information
- Property Addresses
- Complex Names/ Condo Unit Numbers
- Parcel Lines*
- Valuation Data
- Acreage

- Aerial imagery of surrounding properties and more!

Visit ParcelViewer today at <http://gis.mono.ca.gov/parcelviewer/>

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.

Town & MLFD Identify Potential Safety Issue

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Community Development Department (Town) and Mammoth Lakes Fire Department (Fire District) have identified an issue with inserted wood burning fireplace installations in town. If you have either a pellet/gas insert installation or a masonry flue/chase, these types of appliances or installations are not an issue. The issue is that wood burning inserts placed into zero clearance fireplace boxes (fireplace) with factory built metal flue pipes and wooden chases may not have adequate clearance to combustible materials (wood, plywood, and/or sheetrock behind the rock, brick, metal and/or wooden material that doesn't allow you to see on the interior surface of the fireplace façade). This issue can exist in all types of residential occupancies, from single family to multi-family projects. As a result of the clearances that may not have been met, combustible materials are igniting and several fires have resulted around town. Thus far there have been no injuries, but both the Town and Fire District feel that we cannot wait until something tragic occurs before we take necessary action. At this point both agencies are hoping to educate the town population to the concern.

The original fireplace contained fires that never obtained very high burning temperatures, due to the amount of heat that went up the flue. Once the insert was installed, the appliance burned much more efficiently causing the combustibles surrounding the original installation to be exposed to significantly greater heat levels. Another factor is the amount of use the insert is experiencing. The issue is occurring throughout town; no certain complex, no certain installer, no certain type of product, nor any other common characteristic that allows the agencies to narrow down the likely installations of concern. One complex in town had 23 of 60 units show some sign of heat damage to combustibles.

Permitted installations during the last 18 to 24 months that followed the manufacturer's installation instructions have been installed correctly. The Town and Fire District do not mean to alarm anyone, but strongly believe that this situation is serious enough to inform the public on the use and installation of these types of wood burning installations. If you need any further assistance or have any questions, please contact the Fire District at (760) 934-2300 or Town at (760) 934-8989, ex 244. For more information: <http://mammothlakesfd.intuitwebsites.com>

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.